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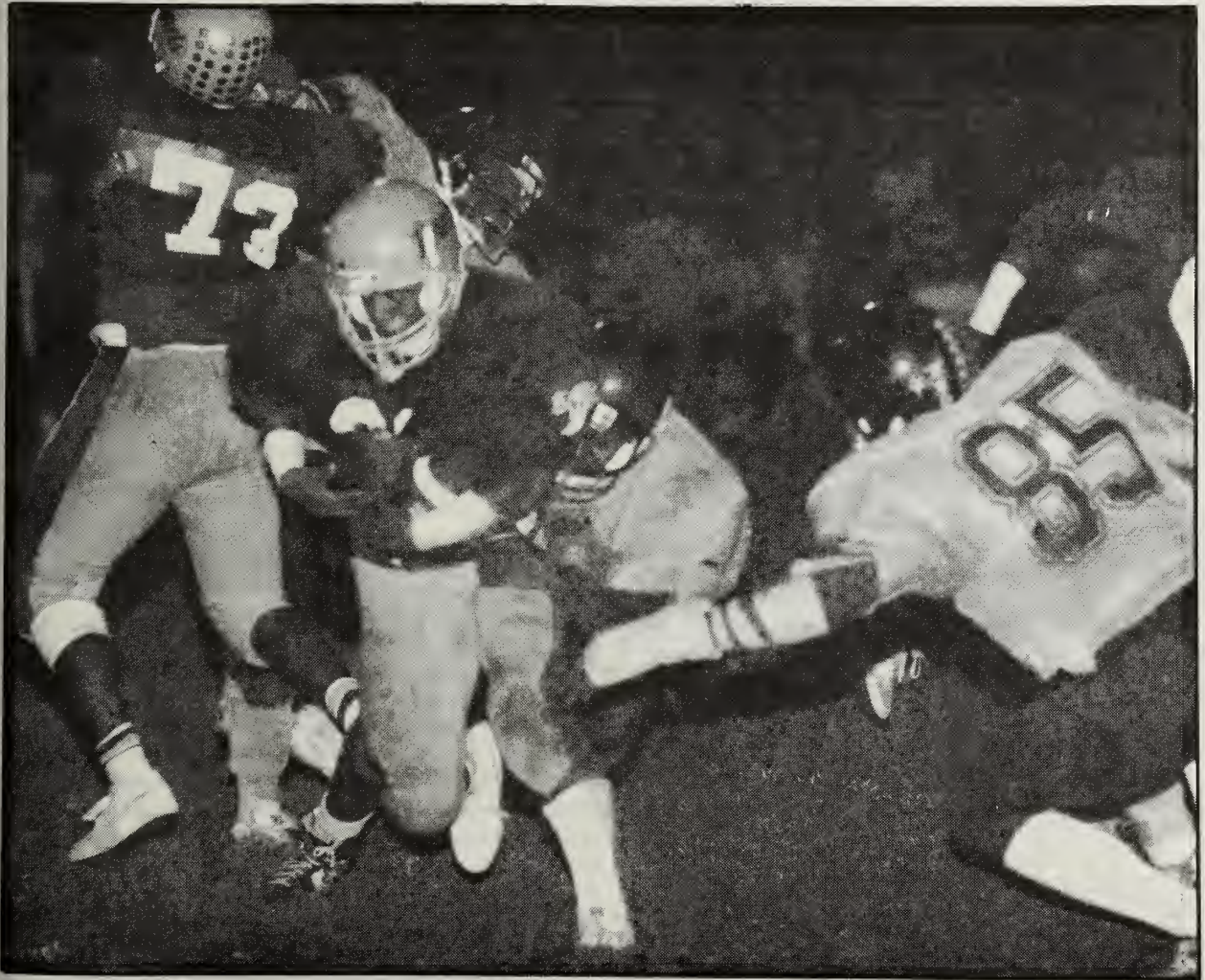




# TOWER

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# Homecoming '88



## ATTENDANCE POLICY

Holly Edmondson  
News Editor

Whether in the work place or at school, there are always some guidelines for attendance. At Howe and all Indianapolis Public Schools, there has been a change in the attendance policy.

Howe students are allowed a maximum of eight unexcused absences within a semester. Excused absences are illness, emergencies, doctor's and Social Service appointments, death of a member of the immediate family, and observances of religious holidays. Other examples of excused occasions are as follows: service as a page in the Indiana General Assembly, participation in election day activities, subpoenaed as a witness in court, or Indiana National Guard or Reserve Duty.

Any other excuse is counted as an unexcused absence. The new attendance policy states that if a student accumulates eight or more unexcused absences within a semester, the student will receive a failing grade for the semester. Some students at first, may not think that the school is serious about enforcing this new attendance policy.

Principal Frank Tout, stated the policy change will "bring into focus the fact that the student is going to ruin his chance for credit if he continues to miss classes." The policy is intended to help students realize the importance of attending classes to achieve better academically from the very beginning of the year.

Many students do not become aware that they are

failing because of absences. They use the excuses that they didn't think it applied to them, that they didn't know the policy, and various other justifications. According to Tout, the

attendance policy change intended to bring a clear message to the student that school is compiled of both achievement and attendance.

## Homeroom Advisor

Candy Seeley  
Exchange Editor

A year ago, a decision was made for Howe to add a Faculty Advisory Period. Nancy Sutton, former Howe counselor and Dr. Joseph Meghan were the individuals behind the decision.

The purpose for the advisors is to help the students with homework or any problems they may be having. Some of the teachers feel very positive about the decision. Mr. Errol Spears, who is on the school board committee feels it is a "relax period," and students should be comfortable about it.

All Indianapolis Public Schools are required to have a faculty advisory period. They plan on improving the student-teacher relationship so they can go to know each other better help solve problems, get students to set their goals straight, and to help them do better in school. Also by trying to learn about themselves, maybe they will get along better with others.

## Three Minutes to Go

Alan Milum

Have you been late to your mini-course after lunch lately? Due to the addition of the faculty advisory period, the daily schedule has been changed this year. Part of the time needed for the fifteen minute advisory period before mods one and two, has been taken from class time and between classes. This has been causing problems for some students who need to go to the restroom or lockers before class. The

Indiana Education Association decided that counselors did not have enough time to deal with individual student problems. Nancy Sutton, the Director of Personnel Service, submitted her idea on the advisory period. A request was sent for examples of daily schedules that allowed for an advisory time period. After reviewing several proposed schedules from several I.P.S. high schools, they decided on the one which is presently in effect. According to some students the short-

ened passing time is definitely too short. Junior Don Slayers said, "Going from lunch to my mini-course is like flying without wings. There should be five minutes between every class. I don't run track." Students who are having any problems with the daily schedule should see Vice-Principal Madara Walker in room 51.

### DAILY SCHEDULE

MODS	TIME
Morning Conference	7:00 - 7:25
Advisory Period	7:30 - 7:45
Modules 1-2	7:50 - 8:43
Modules 3-4	8:48 - 9:41
Module 5-6	9:46 - 10:39
Module 7	10:44 - 11:09
Module 8	11:12 - 11:37
Module 9	11:42 - 12:07
Module 10	12:10 - 12:35
Modules 11-12	12:40 - 1:33
Modules 13-14	1:38 - 2:30
Afternoon Conference	2:35 - 3:10
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## Homecoming Activities Reviewed

While Howe celebrated its football cheerleaders, football team, and Celebration after the game took victory over Arlington on Homecoming night, it also culminated a week of Homecoming spirit activities. Student Council planned a week of Homecoming spirit activities to raise school morale. The week of September 26-30 was designated as spirit week, with each day as a celebration of school spirit.

Another event that preceeded the football game was the annual Powder Puff football game on September 29. The senior-sophomore girls' team defeated the junior-freshmen girls' team and preceeded the soccer game and senior bonfire.

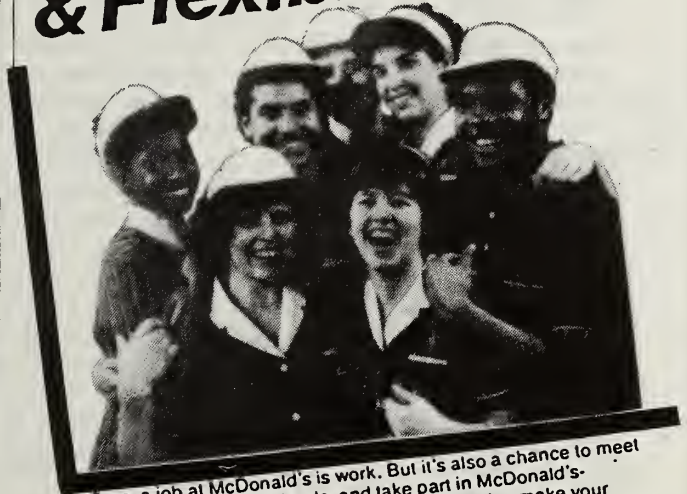
Halftime of Friday night's football game was a flurry of activity. The class float contest was won by the sophomore class, with senior as runner-up. Homecoming night also became senior night as the senior members of the band, Golden Gals,

## Installation of Officers

Student Council members were installed during a school assembly Wednesday, September 7. This year's officers are as follows: President, Amy Hornback; Vice-President, Vickie Deal; Treasurer, Staci Collins; Secretary, Roselyn DeCastro; Assistant Secretary, Denise Slayback; Historian, Anne West; Parliamentarian, Traci Collins; Senior Representative, Angie Smith; Junior Representative, Karlisa Scott; Sophomore Representative, Amanda Slaughter. Senior Class officers were also imstalled. Officers are: President, Amy Kiefner; First Vice-President, Stephanie Moore; Second Vice-President, Mellondie Benson; Treasurer, Nick Tides; Assistant Treasurer, Scott Schoen; Secretary, Staci Collins; Assistant Secretary, Jenny Fines; Alumni Secretary, Amber Lane; Assistant Alumni Secretary, Amy Hornback.

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## FROM the CLASS of 92

Mary Nicewanger  
Feature Editor

For Freshmen, being squeezed through Howe's doors on the first day can be an overwhelming and life threatening experience. The change to Howe isn't always easy, as one Freshman simply put it, "It's big!" Maybe if you are lucky and can move fast, you can weave your way to class before the wail of that infuriating tone called a bell.

But the Freshman have not been without help. Many have found their faculty advisor a safe refuge from the long lines by their counselor's office. Many claim they couldn't have made it through all the hassles of classes and teachers without their faculty advisor. Now, that everyone is settled into their classes, many have found the class-work considerably easier than they had feared. What a relief!

But it seems that the long tradition of Freshmen torture hasn't ended. Like those before us, we have to endure being looked down upon even by those who must look

up to see us. On a personal level there aren't many problems between Freshmen and upperclassmen. But generally the term "freshmen" is a terrible label loathed by the rest of the student body as a group.

No one seems to enjoy tormenting Freshmen more than the recently ascended Sophomores. Most go out of their way to be sure that by no stretch of the imagination could they be loathsome Freshmen. Seniors go about their task with a somewhat amused annoyance, as if they belong to a separate world. This is best summed up by the Senior class President Amy Kiefner's welcome to "all of you who admit you're part of the class of 92."

I've been informed that you can always spot the Freshmen. Even though it was late in the second week before I found my English class on the first try, or didn't pass right by my locker, I still find that claim is hard to swallow.

Maybe next year I will re-read this issue and remember to show pity to the Class of 1993. ...Well then again, maybe I won't.

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## COMING TO AMERICA

Simone Boehrer  
Foreign Correspondent

During this year the school. Important because Tower is very fortunate to then you have the first have an exchange student chance to make friends. on the staff. We decided to his first day at school? A take advantage of this op- lot of hectic people run- portunity by having an ning through the hallways, ongoing column every is- speaking a language he has sue, looking at Howe learned at school and now through the eyes of an ex- doesn't understand.

change student. After he has asked sev- What do foreign ex- eral people to help him change students think find his first class, a long about the United States? If journey through the whole you ask these 15-17 years school starts, until he olds what their first im- hopefully finds his first pression of America is, Hard because: What does most of them say, that peo- the exchange student see at ple over here are much busier than in their home country.

One of the most impor- tant-and often hardest-expe- riences is the first day at

class. Of course he is late. But he is there. This is the only important thing. After he has tried and finally given up trying to under- stand what the teacher in front of the class is ex- plaining, the bell rings. And now the horror trip of running to his locker, and searching for his next class starts all over again.

Also please don't forget to make friends. If you are lucky you have some seconds for two sentences of small talk.

"Where do you come from?"

"I'm coming from West Germany."

The summit of that day are the first words from your mom when you come home: "Hi, honey, how many friends have you made?"

## Play Cast

The cast of this year's fall play was casted by Mr. Shelton, and Mrs. Smith. The fall play is "A Mid-summer-Nights Dream". The cast of this year's play is:

Theseus, Jim Dearth  
Egeus, Chad Burris  
Lysander, Matt McBurnie  
Demetrius, Eric Berg  
Philostrate, Kim Mertz  
Quince, Billy Johnson  
Snug, John Gordon  
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Titania's Attendants:

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Rosie Deal

Theseus' Attendants:

Dale Kinney  
Charlene Walker  
Betsy Deeter

## YEARBOOK IT'S ON IT'S WAY

Erika Pavlides  
Assistant Feature Editor

Wondering about last year's Hilltopper? Although the 1987-88 school year ended before the yearbook was finished, it has been completed and is on its way.

Before this school year began, Principal Frank Tout had already contacted the new yearbook advisor. The first task awaiting Greg Shelton, English teacher,

was completing last year's yearbook.

"It is a little chaotic," Shelton stated, referring to his recent undertaking. "I've never done this type of work before!"

After six weeks of diligent and stressful work, the 1987-88 yearbook was mailed in for publication on October 3, 1988. Shelton anticipates delivery before Christmas.

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# The Other Side

Jessica Byrd  
Opinion Editor

## Welcome

Well it's time for another year. And what does this mean? It means trying to read schedules, finding classes, putting up with teachers, and doing all that dreaded homework. But relax there is only 185 some odd days until the torture is through. WELCOME C/O '92.

## Schedule

It is the first day to receive schedules. Your mother finally finds the school after eight times around the same block. You walk in and are pushed into a mob of people. You look and realize that it is a line. You will probably be here until Christmas. After about an hour, you are finally in the office doors. Then, a man asks, "Can I help you?" You walk to the desk, and he asks, "Are you a freshman?" Softly (so no one

can hear) you reply "Yes." "I'm sorry I couldn't hear you. Are you a freshman?" the man asks. Loudly, you say "Yes, I am a freshman." Everyone turns and looks at you. Suddenly someone in the crowd starts to snicker, and then the whole crowd is laughing. You have never been so embarrassed in your whole life. Your face turns beet red, and you quickly pay your dues and receive your schedule and other information. Walking to meet your mother in the car, you wonder if you will make it through this year, and if everyday is going to be like this one.

## Classes

The dreaded day has come, the first day of school. You have gotten your schedule and grimaced over all the teachers your friends warned you about. Now it is that time, yes, it is time to find your classes. Your program says English-234. You walk up and down the floors searching but find nothing.

You are too afraid to ask someone for fear of being ridiculed again. Suddenly after what seemed like a lifetime of searching you stumble into a class that resembles yours, you do not understand. Quickly, you look at your schedule and to your embarrassment you realize that you are in the wrong class. With your face fire-engine red you rush into the right class, and the teacher directs you to the right seat. Everyone in the class looks at you and you want to die. But don't worry, you only have to go through this six more times to find the rest of your classes.

## Cafeteria

Your first four periods have finally passed and now it's time for a break. Yes, it's time for lunch. But wait, who will you sit with, and better yet where is the cafeteria? Once again you must search, and you finally find it. Now the next problem: Who do you sit with? Through the huge mob of people, you do not

see anyone familiar. So you finally just sit down at a empty table. Suddenly, you see three huge shadows towering over you. You look up to see the three biggest football player ever.

"Excuse me, you're in our seat, so beat it."

"This is the first day of school. How could this be your seat? Besides I got here first."

"Well the little freshman got here first, so we'll just have to show him why he should move."

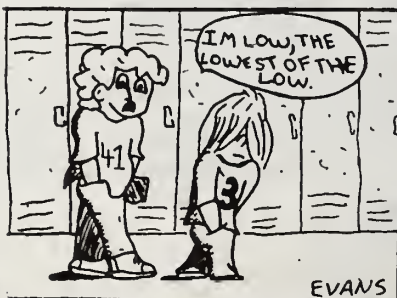
Through your close eyes, you watch as one of the three shadows takes lunch tray and breaks it in half on top of his head.

Quickly, you see familiar faces and you jump up and join them at their table. At the while thinking, I am never going to make through this year.

## Editorial Policy

The purpose of the Thomas Carr Howe High School Tower is to disseminate information about the students, faculty, and school to the students, faculty, and school. The Tower has the right to edit all the submitted material.

# Freshman Follies





# Homecoming Spirit Celebration



*Some teachers took Spirit Week's Twin Day a little too far as evidenced by Mrs. George and Mrs. Friedly. Although Mrs. George expects a baby in November, Mrs. Friedly's "condition" was only temporary.*

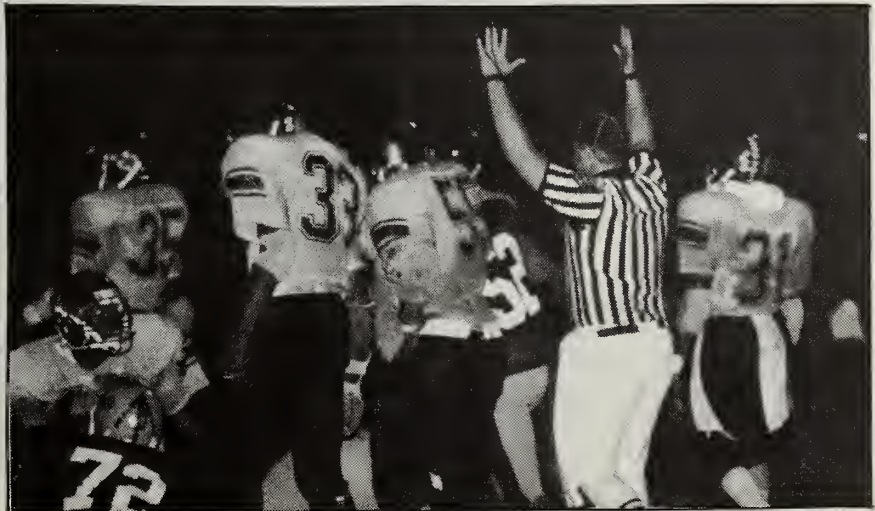
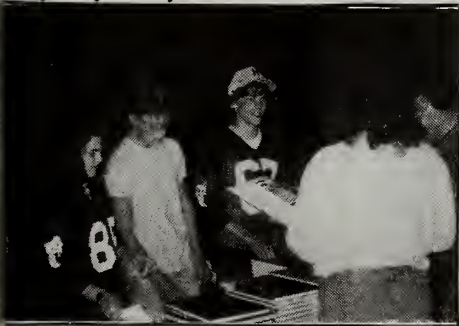
*Photo : by Greg Shelton*

*Sonja Grooms is ecstatic about being named Homecoming Queen.*



*Howe football players are escorted by their mothers and fathers onto the field for Parents Night.*

*The Yearbook Staff works diligently to sell old yearbooks ranging in years from 1972 to 1986.*



*A referee signals a Hornet touchdown during the Howe-Arlington clash.*

*Photos Contributed by Hilltopper Staff*



## Howe Escapes Arlington Crunch

### Sports Staff

According to coach Richard Harpold, "this is the best year for the Howe football team." Howe's varsity football team beat Arlington on Homecoming night by a score of 19 to 15.

Coach Harpold said, "the team is

good enough to play anyone in the state." There are 42 people that do the job for the Hornets. Captains Tony Dean and Chris Clark are a great influence on the team. According to Coach Harpold, the teams that Howe must look out for are Lawrence Central 5-0, Lawrence North 4-1, and Richmond 4-2.

Sectionals are coming up and the Hornets will be more than ready with a team with an average weight of 220 pounds and an average height of 5'11". Their defense is the best in years, demonstrated by the way they stopped the Knights four times from scoring Friday, according to Harpold.



## Cross-Country On the Course to City

### Stephanie Mendoza

Hard work and determination is paying off for the Howe Girls Cross Country team this season.

This is the first time in several years Howe has had enough girls for a full team.

The teams' chances are good for placing high in the city meet, Assistant Coach Dale Dinkens stated, "Based on what we've seen in finishing (in the) top three if everyone runs well"

"Several girls with a chance to win a title. Ste-

phanie Mendoza and D.J. Givans should finish in top 10" he added.

Officially the team is 1-1. The first five places are scored for each team, and the lowest score overall for the team wins.

The team is led by Head Coach James Whistler, Assistant Coach Dale Dinkens and captains Stephanie Mendoza and D.J. Givans. The team is made up of eight runners, Nicole Brown So., D.J. Givans Sr., Shannon Harvey Jr., Shaneca Lee Jr., Jennifer Maher So., Stephanie Mendoza Jr., Dawn Thompson Sr., and Gayla Young So.

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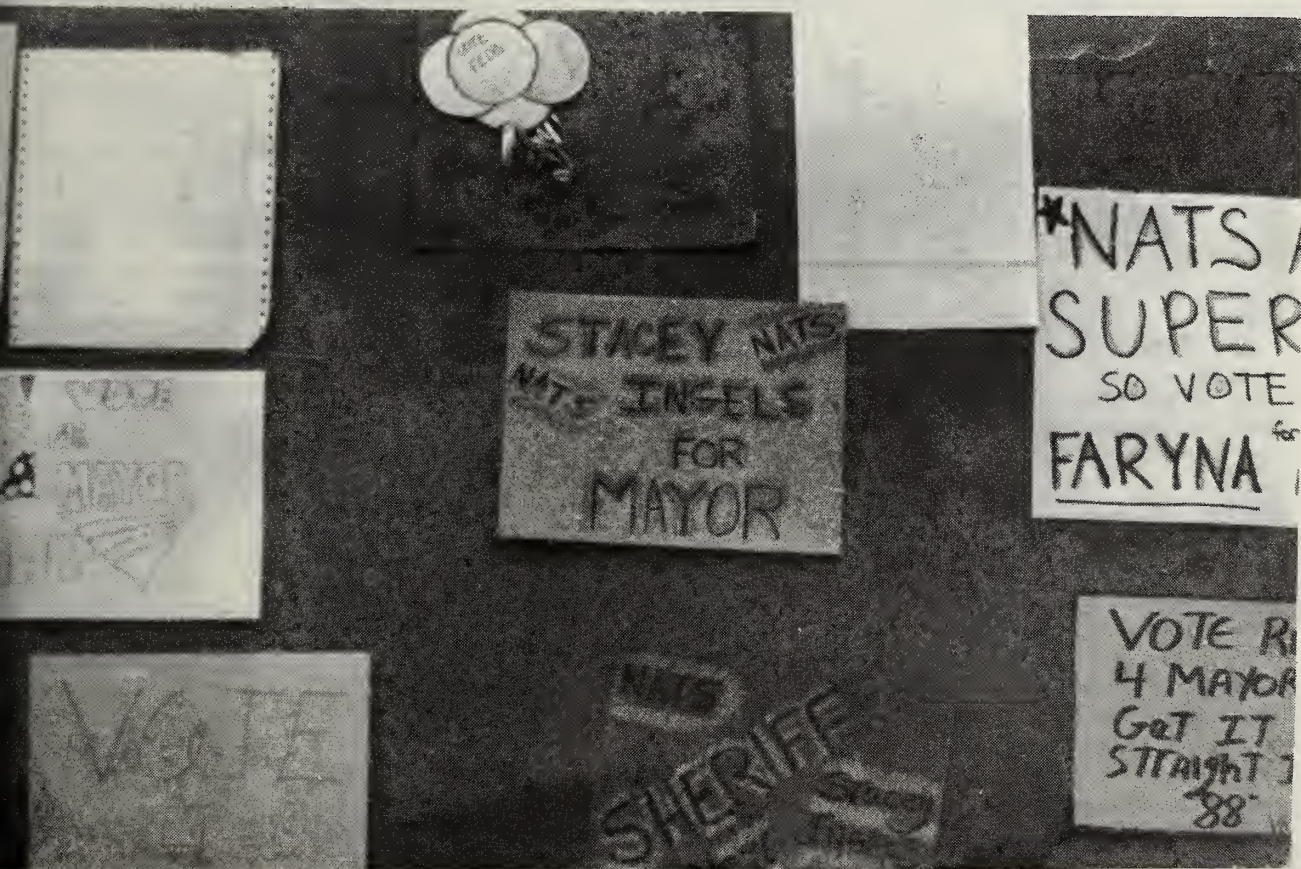


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## ELECTION FEVER HITS HOWE



*Photo by William Roberts*

**Mock election story on page 2**



## Mock Election

Paula Rogers

Every year for the last 40 years, Howe's Social Studies department has sponsored a mock election.

Students from all Social Studies classes, except World Civilizations, are divided into two parties. The Nationalists, (NATS) and the Federalists, (FEDS). The

purpose of the mock election is to help students to get a better understanding of the election process.

Students are required to be registered, this enables them to be eligible to vote. Registration is based on the city and district assigned to each class.

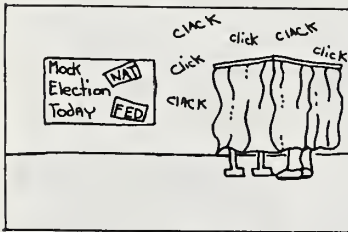
While only students from government classes are eli-

gible to run for local and were nominated for a state offices, all classes of state offices on November registered voters are per-4.

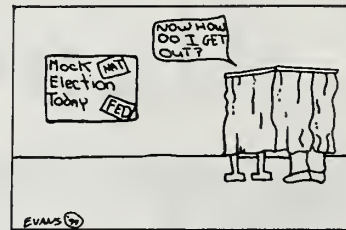
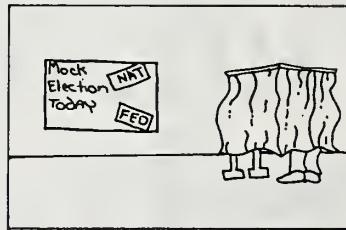
mitted to send five dele- The highest office available to the party is governor. The conventions to nominate Hayes, a Nationalist was the state candidates. the election for governor.

Each class also elects for the state of Howe. The district chairmen, and committeemen who appoint the nationalists have worked with the state chairmen to run the an overwhelming amount of elections.

The conventions for both parties were held on November 26. Candidates



FRESHMAN FOLLIES



EVANS

Straight A

## Russia Trip

Holly Edmondson  
News Editor

Have you ever wondered what it is really like in Russia? You hear all these things about the Soviet Union, but can they all be true?

Twenty Howe Social Studies majors will experience a once in a life time chance of a trip to Russia. These students will be the ones to find out.

Mr. Finkbinder and Mr. Spears are sponsoring this years trip. According to Mr. Spears without all of the work that Mr. Finkbinder is doing there would be no trip.

The students will fly to Helsinki, Finland, then take a train to Moscow. Three

days will be spent in Moscow before they travel on to Leningrad.

This year is the first year that there has been a trip to Russia. There have only been three trips outside the United States - two to London, and one to Canada. All other trips were within the United States, such as New York and Washington D.C..

The trip will cost the students \$1,190. Since the students have to pay their way, they will be selling candy to raise part of the money to go. The travel agency has guaranteed Mr. Finkbinder that the trip will not cost any more than \$1,190 to go. This is good because the students will not be worried about the price going up over period

of time.

Mr. Spears is optimistic about the trip. "Some seem to think that Russia is just this big country that is going to take over. But, when we go to Russia maybe the students will realize that Russia has their problems. They don't want to go to war."

For next year, Mr. Finkbinder is all fired up to go to Berlin, Germany.

The exceptional student this year who have worked long and hard on their schoolwork, to gain the recognition of receiving straight "A's" on their report cards.

Such academic achievement must have a grade point average of 8.0.

The following students have received straight "A's" for the first six weeks.

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## Art Work Calendar

Alan Milum

Soon some extremely talented Howe students will have their artwork hanging in hundreds of Indianapolis area homes.

Recently Harriet Baker, a former teacher, along with the Irvington League of Clubs (a non-profit organization) contacted Howe art teacher James Lynch, in order to get the ball rolling on a special calendar featuring student art work.

The calendar will consist of twelve Historic Irvington Homes and establishments

drawn by Howe art students at the Irvington Thea-drawing from each students' portfolios.

They were chosen to do the calendar because of the quality of their art work submitted in minor competitions with Warren 2893. All proceeds from the calendar will go to the Benton House Association calendar for 1989 featuring last five years, Howe has a for the continuing restoration of the Benton House at 312 S. Downey Ave. over the other two eastside schools.

The special calendars are expected on November 15 and five dollars each. Any Clubs had all twelve students interested in purchasing a calendar can find

Lynch says the students are "...really enthused about the doing the calendar. Students are encouraged to purchase a fellow Howe students' artwork, that is suitable for framing.

## Honor Roll

Dawn Yearly  
Assistant News Editor

Many students have earned a reward for long tedious hours of homework and studying by achieving place on the Honor Roll. Such academic excellence is attained by a grade point average of 6.0.

The following students have achieved Honor Roll status.

Jennifer Ackelmire, Jennifer Amonette, Melissa Anton, Mellondi Benson, Binkley, Nicol adberry, Joseph Bramette, Matthew Britt, Nile Brown, Simone ehrer, Rhonda Bowman, ry Carleton, Traci Chilless, Jennifer Chilton, MESA Cline, Douglas Coe, aci Collins, Lisa Cooper, cheal Corey, Elena rpus, Rita Cruz, Jenifer wis, Roselyn Decastro, thony Deem, Melissa em, Cary Deeter, Eliza-

beth Deeter, Jeffery Deeter, Mari Desai, Holly Edmondson, Ronold Evans, Stacy Faryna, Sahra Foltz, Shelley Galyan, D.J. Givin, Jayna Green, Danielle Gregory, Kelly Grisim, Sonja Grooms, Joanna Hall, Kimberly Hamilton, Deborah Hanna, Richard Harell, Russell Harpold, Laura Hartbock, Jeffery Heron, Robert Hilderbrandt, Natrina Hill, Alvin Holiday, Jenifer Holten, Kevin Hornback, Christa Huntsinger, Tammy Hurri, Stacey Ingels, Jessica Ireland, Cary Johnson, Michael Johnson, Racquel Johnson, Melissa Kates, Lorrie Kennedy, Angela Kidwell, Amber Lane, Andrew Lane, Shameca Lee, Matthew Mandel, Dion Marshino, Michele Maxey, Johan Medlund, Rosemari Merald, Julie Merriman, Kimberley Mertz, Monica Mertz, Timothy Messenger, Lesslie Myer, Lisa Monnde,

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## Celebration Contest

**Simone Bohrer**

Spending one week in Washington D.C. is the big goal of some of Howe's Social Studies students.

Doctor Victor Smith, who is in charge of Social Studies in the Indianapolis Public Schools, asked Mr. Errol Spears to take part in the National Bicentennial Competition on the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The purpose of this competition is to make young people aware of the meaning of the Constitution.

Last year the United States celebrated the 200 year celebration of the Constitution. For this contest every Social Studies Class is divided in six groups. Each group prepares answers to three given questions. These questions cover issues like the Constitution, the establishment

of the Government, fundamental rights and the privileges of citizens.

During the competition the judges will pick out one of the three questions from each group. The team is supposed to answer the prepared question within four minutes.

After this, follow-up questions will be asked. Although the questions will be on the main issue, they are unknown to the team.

First Howe will compete against the teams of Tech and Ben Davis on November 22nd. If Howe wins this contest, the team will go on to the state contest. Mr. Spears says "the chances aren't too bad"

The winners of the state contest will be able to spend a free weekend in Washington D.C. in order to take part in the national contest.

## Honor Society

The induction ceremony for the National Honor Society will be November 21, 1988. In order to be a member, a student must be a junior or senior, have a G.P.A. of 6.5 or above, participate in school activities, and have six teacher recommendations.

These students are present members and were inducted last fall:

Melondie Benson  
Michael Corey  
Elena Corpez  
Lemann Dea  
Anthony Dean  
Roselyn Decastro  
Jeffrey Deeter  
Russell Harpold  
Amy Hornback  
Cary Johnson

Melody Lacy  
Scott Schoen  
Anna West

The following students will be inducted November 21.

Laura Hartsock  
Jamaine Walker  
Rhonda Bowman  
Joseph Bramblett  
Jessica Byrd  
Rodney Burns  
Curtis Combs  
Rita Cruz  
Gary Deeter  
Stacey Faryna  
Shaneca Lee  
Shelley Oberholtzer  
Crystal Powell  
Denise Slayback  
Sotirio Tides  
Amy Watt  
Steven White

## Rangers

News Staff

On October 27, 28, and 29, sixteen Howe Junior ROTC cadets attended a Ranger Training camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison. The cost for the camp was \$20.

During the three days the cadets learned basic defense techniques and camping skills.

Manual and Northwest also attended the camp, which brought the total up to 56 cadets. The instructor was LTC Lanette Dickinson a female cadet from Manual. The Ranger Team was started by MSG Bruce Blauvelt, a ROTC instructor at Manual. Even though Howe is not officially a member of the Ranger Team corps, the cadets were eligible to attend the camp with the permission of Major Michael Flynn, Howe's Senior Army Instructor.



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## Midsummer Dream in December

Mary Nicewanger  
Feature Editor

The school production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" will run from December 2nd and 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in the Howe auditorium. Tickets will cost three dollars and students are encouraged to attend.

A preview of the play was performed at a faculty meeting. Greg Shelton, the play's director, feels that because the play is by Shakespeare, many students may have apprehensions about attending. But since the play is very light and funny, Shelton claims

that "they'll fall into this very quickly."

Castmember Kim Mertz describes it as, "a mix of everything... romance... comedy... it's a classic!"

Howe is lucky that this year Shelton was once again able to juggle directing into his busy schedule. All the parts were cast, with the help of Shirley Smith, English teacher, and now rehearsals are in full swing.

The cast rehearses for two and a half hours four nights a week. Since the play is in three sections, castmembers can get extra nights off if they are not in the scene that is being done that day. The entire cast is working very hard their lines memorized, and be one of the best productions we've ever done."

Shelton is very pleased



*Howe Cast members left to right: Jimmy Deal, Billy Johnson, Sharon Parrish, Rosie Deal, Scott Chaney, Linda Baker, Betsy Deeter, and Kristan Woodard.*

### Play Cast

Theseus, Jim Dearth  
Egeus, Chad Burris  
Lysander, Matt McBurnie  
Demetrius, Eric Berg  
Philstrate, Kim Mertz  
Quince, Billy Johnson  
Snug, John Gordon  
Bottom, Scott Schoen  
Flute, Joe Bramblett  
Snout, Joe Jones  
Starveling, Keith Trinkle  
Hippolyta, Shelly Oberholtzer  
Hermia, Jayne Green  
Helena, Clara Winslow  
Oberon, Billy Johnson  
Titania, Melinda Baker  
Puck, Jimmy Deal  
Titania's Attendants:  
Sharon Parrish  
Amy Hornbeck  
Rosie Deal  
Theseus' Attendants:  
Dale Kinney  
Charlene Walker  
Betsy Deeter

## Minds at Work

Missy Jackson,  
Mary Nicewanger

A new program called the School Improvement Proposal Project is allowing students in the college-bound classes to solve problems that they feel need to be resolved.

Linda Milburn, English teacher created this unique class project to show her students that they can make a change if they only learn to present their ideas in an organized and appropriate manner.

The students began their

projects the second week of school, and had three weeks to complete them.

The general format of the project was to define the problem, and plan how to solve it. Also they had to justify the importance of the problem and come up with a way to evaluate the plan's success.

The final grade on the project was based on the combination of Mrs. Milburn's grade and the rating of the students in the other college bound class. The top three rated projects out of the fourteen were sub-

mitted to Frank Tout, principal for review and possible approval.

This year Milburn felt that the proposals had a better chance of being accepted, because they are more realistic than in the past. Two of the projects have a strong possibility of being approved. They are first of all, a new method of getting information to the students about extra curricular activities and a coding system, for the seniors, that specifies which are the G classes.

## Coming to America

Simone Boehrer

When this issue of the newspaper comes out, I will have been here for almost three months.

At the beginning of that time many people asked me why I came to America. Some people think kids like us, who come to America being only 17 are spoiled, rich and nerdy. Well my parents are not rich, and I hope I am neither spoiled nor nerdy.

Nevertheless, I get the chance to come for one year to America, because the German Bundestag and the American Congress established a program to ameliorate the relationship between the United States and West Germany.

They plan to do that by giving kids between 16 and 17 years of age the possibility to live in another country and get used to foreign customs and different life styles.

Most people think it's too early to go to a foreign country for one year if you're only 17, and yes it is early, because it means you have to leave your home, your family, your friends, your school, maybe even a boy or girlfriend, and nobody can tell you how it will be over there in America.

So why are only young people being sent to America? Because the people who established the program think that this is the age when you are still able to adjust to a totally different life style.

Well, there are some simple reasons why kids de-

cide to go to America. America, who would not like that? Also you can meet many people and so on. But you are also given another opportunity. The fact that nobody knows you in America can be a big advantage also.

Who knows here how of-

ten you failed a class in Germany, if you have been nerdy and how you get along with your parents? Nobody knows. So you can try to change alot of things, for example bad habits. But I think people, who believe they'll have no problems at all won't have a good year.

Before we came over here, we have been in two orientation programs in order to learn about America. One sentence we were told very often was: "Try to think optimistic!"

So, let's think optimistic, and have a really good year in America!



**Foreign Exchange Students** Back row :Anna Poltorak, Danny Patel. Front row :Stephanie Labouro, Johan Hedlund, Simone Boehrer.

Photo by William Roberts

## SURVEY

A survey taken at Howe shows many of the areas of students interests. Various subjects were covered and total percentages of the subjects are as follows:

SUBJECT	FAVORITES	PERCENT
Radio Station	WZPL	60%
Hang Out	Union Station	23%
Tennis Shoes	British Knights	34%
Clothes	Guess	18%
Mall	Washington Sq.	82%
Kind of Music	Heavy Metal	35%
Group	Guns -n- Roses	19%
Song	Sweet Child of Mine	33%
Class	English	15%



## LOCKED RESTROOMS: VANDALISM?

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Holly Edmondson  
News Editor

How many times have you tried to use the restroom during passing period, only to find it locked?

The problem is not entirely due to students smoking in the restrooms, but the doors are often locked due to vandalism according to Madora Walker, Vice-Principal. "It's frustrating," Walker said.

Custodians are constantly repairing restrooms on every level. The vandalism no longer consists of gum in the sinks, or writing on the walls and mirrors. Now, the damage is much more costly, ranging from cigarette butts in the sink, to no sink on the wall at all. The vandalism has taken its toll and it is only costing taxpayers more money.

Often, it does not help to have them repaired. One restroom was repaired and

opened Friday, November 11 and was closed again on Monday November 14.

According to Martha Beard, Head Custodian, there are only six or seven plumbers that can repair the highly damaged restrooms at Howe. But they only repair the items according to how serious the problem.

The physically handicapped restrooms will most likely remain locked. "Students that aren't handicapped are going into the handicapped restrooms and vandalizing them to the extent that they aren't useable by the handicapped students," stated Beard.

According to Walker, Buildings and Grounds are talking about putting up a "vandalism proof" partition in the restroom, which will hopefully cut down on the endless repairs. But, it is hard to maintain a school efficiently without a restroom.

Walker says "they stay damaged most of the time," and any student who has a solution to this problem, should see her.

The Tower finds this problem intolerable and commends the administration's efforts to correct this situation. Those individuals who have no respect for public property should realize that they only hurt themselves as well as others by destroying our school.

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## Hornets Catch City Championship

Stephanie Mendoza

The Hornets finished their regular scheduled season with a record of 8 - 0. They also captured the title of City Champs at the City reserve and freshman levels. Although the Hornets were stopped in the sectional game by the Law-

ence Central Bears with the score of 27 - 3. Howe accomplished goals that were set by both Coach Harpold and the team. Coach Harpold commented "The season was a tribute to the ones who always worked hard and always found a way to win." He also said that they were behind 6 of

9 games and still won.

61 tackles each.

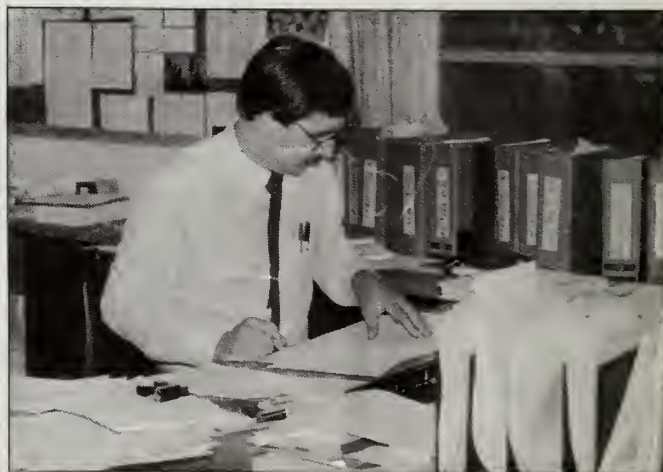
Some of the players that contributed to these season were: Alonzo Johnson with 849 yards rushing, 138 carries, and 4 touchdowns. Freshman Greg Zinnerman lead for the season with 6 interceptions. An after season comment from Co-captain Tony Dean Jeff Marble also had 762 yards rushing, 146 carries, and 6 touchdowns. Everyone said we would be good, expected it because we worked so hard together as a team, not individually."

## Ervin Returns

William Roberts  
Sport Editor

Curt Ervin, Howe Athletic Director returned to Howe High School this fall. Ervin said about boy's basketball. Ervin stated this is a "rebuilding year" for girls basketball, he also said wrestling should do well. Ervin said he would like to encourage more spectator participation. Ervin stated, "I'd like to encourage the student body to come to at least one game."

"We've lost several



Howe Athletic Director Curt Ervin works diligently at his desk Photo by William Roberts

## Girls Coach predicts good season

Varsity Coach Charles Page thinks the Lady Hornets will have a good season with almost all of last year's varsity team returning. Try outs for the Girls Basketball 1988-89 season were held from the 20th to the 28th of October. Of the 31 girls who tried out, ten made the varsity team and ten made the reserve team. "It's going to be tough to beat last year's record," said Bruce Shadiow, second year coach, for the reserve team. Shadiow is faced with a completely different team this season, but seems to think they will do well. The Lady Hornet's first game was November 15 at home. The varsity team members are: D.J.Givan, Sheila Perry, Carmen Davenport, Kim Cross, Michelle Moore, Sheila Turner, Angie Webb, Melissa Kates, Stephanie Mendoza, and Daretta Thomas. The reserve team members are: April Cruce, Kalia Ratcliffe, Christy Drew, Yolanda Cole, Danielle Vertner, Nicole Stubbs, Larita Porter, Latasha Boyd, Rosemary Goldsmith, and Crystal Porter.

### Basketball Schedule

Nov	19 Gary Mann	Home
	23 Terre Haute No.	There
Dec	2 Pike	There
	3 Arlington	Home
	9 Cathedral	There
	10 Park Tudor	There
	16 Broad Ripple	There
Jan	6 Southport	Home
	13 Tech	Home
	14 Roncalli	There
	27 Northwest	Home
	28 North Central	There
Feb	3 Washington	There
	10 Manual	There
	11 Lawrence North	Home
	17 Chatard	There
	18 Scecina	Home
	25 Warren Central	Home



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## Merry Christmas !!!



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# Vandalism Marks School

News Staff

"Students' leave their mark on school," stated Principal, Frank Tout, referring to the vandalism that has become prevalent at Howe in recent days.

Two incidents of destruction of property have occurred within days of each other. According to Madora Walker, Vice-Principal, the

two situations are related because "It's the same thing, same style."

Both occurrences seem to be gang-related, demonstrated by the wording used, however Walker does not think Howe students are involved. The first evidence of destruction occurred on December 6 when the outside wall of the auditorium lobby was

defaced with a specific gang's name. The next incident involved another school's property when the bus transporting the Lawrence Central High School girls' basketball team, was vandalized during the game on December 8. The same gang name was prevalent on the bus.

Walker says that the cost of repair for the bus is over

\$2,000.00. The consequences for those involved in these incidents is immediate expulsion, as well as paying the cost of repair. If those involved cannot reimburse the cost of the bus, lawsuits against parents may be necessary. Walker added that the entire situation has been turned over to security to resolve.

## Briefly Speaking

### Gift of Life

Donations of blood will be given to the "Gift of Life" on December 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Eligible donors must be ages 17 to 65, in good health, and weigh at least 110 pounds. The blood sites throughout Indiana are Indianapolis, Anderson, Terre Haute, and Lafayette.

Those who make blood donations will brighten up Christmas for many needy families in Central Indiana according to Deed.

Spokesman, Jean Deeds states that there will be pledges to the United Christmas Service for every unit of blood donated. Hopefully the "Gift of Life" will give us the opportunity for the Community to help both hospitals and sufferers in Central Indiana during the holiday season says Deed.

For more information about blood collection locations call 927-1613.★

### Brain Game team

#### hard at work

The Howe High School Brain Game team will be playing Cathedral High School January 17, and will be aired on television February 5.

The members of the Brain Game stay after school about three times a week preparing for the game. Errol Spears, Social Studies teacher, finds trivial games or trivial type

books to help them prepare for the contest.

This will be the first game this year and the members are enjoying the preparation.

The members of the Brain Game team are as follows — Stephen White, junior, Steve Deeter, junior, Simone Boehrner, senior, Les Myers, senior, and Dion Marshino, senior.★



## New Faculty at Howe

Mary Nicewanger  
Feature Editor

Students may have noticed some strange new faces at Howe, well that's because Howe currently has eight new faculty members for the 1988-89 school year.

In January of 1988 two members were added the Howe Faculty staff. They were Major Michael Flynn, JROTC department, and John Wiggins, Business Ed. department.

Flynn is teaching to high school students for the first time. Flynn graduated from Culver-Stockton college at Canton. Flynn states in regard to Howe, "I like the students, but most of them don't work up to their full potential."

Wiggins came from Arlington High School, and graduated from Indiana Central (now called the

University of Indianapolis). Wiggins says that Howe is well-organized and describes it as "a typical high school."

Many of the new Faculty members did not come to Howe until the beginning of this semester in September. These teachers are: Vickie Emigh, Lynn Whittemore, Steve Reinhart, Juanita Morgan, and Donna Rice.

Four of these teachers belong the Special Ed. department. Reinhart is one of these instructors, as is Whittemore, English, Morgan, emotionally handicapped, and Emigh, English and Special Ed. resource.

Emigh taught at School 47 for two years, and at School 111 for five years. Emigh says, "It's really nice here at Howe because I know a lot of students from 111. I've had a real warm reception from the

students."

Whittemore taught at Howe in previous years but came back because she says, "I love Howe." Whittemore has also taught at Broad Ripple and Arsenal Technical High School.

Morgan is impressed with Howe students after teaching at School 55. Reinhart came from Forest Manor Juinor High School last year, and taught at School 101. Reinhart has kept his summers busy with summer school. Reinhart has also taught at five different elementary schools.

Rice is teaching Home Economics for the first time. "I learn something new everyday," Rice states. Rice stated that she has gotten married, and transformed her name from Plenchner to her current name.

Morgan went the Univer-

sity of South Carolina, while Whittemore went right here to IUPUI. Emigh went to Indiana University. Both Rice and Reinhart went to Ball State, although Reinhart also went to Butler University.

We received our eighth new member October 1 of this semester. Thomas Renie is now the new Physical Education department Chairman. Renie's former education positions include seven years in I.P.S. Juinor High Schools, sixteen years at Crispus Attucks, and two years at Arsenal Technical High School. Renie is a Butler graduate.

Watch out next semester for new and different faculty members. Including the Special Services instructor Mr. Coffey, who will be officially working at Howe next semester.

## Play Follow-up

Mary Nicewanger  
Feature Editor

On December 2 and 3 the play "A Midsummer Night's Dream," written by William Shakespeare was put on by the Sen Class in the Thomas Stirling Auditorium.

The cast worked to get the audience to understand the comedy. Both performances of the play were well attended even though a basketball game was sched-

uled at the school on opening night. The play was written in a medieval dialect.

The physical comedy, best demonstrated by Michael Shelton's energetic leaps across the stage as Puck. Also Billy Johnson held down two roles as Oberon and Quince. Scott Schoen got a warm reception for his performance as the amusing character, Bottom.★

WILLIAM  
SHAKESPEARE'S



"Lord, what fools these mortals be!"

## Representative

Simone Boehrer

"Bush just ran the better campaign, and that is the main reason why George Bush is going to be the 41st president of the United States," stated Lawrence L. Buell, Republican State Representative of Indiana.

Buell visited Howe in order to answer questions on November 17. Buell spoke about the difficulties dealing with the deadlock in the Indiana House of Representatives. This is the first time in Indiana's history that the number of Democrats and Republicans in the House of Representatives is equal.

This makes it hard to decide which party has the

right to have one of its members as the Speaker of the House, according to Buell. Previously this position belonged to the party who had the majority in the House. The struggle for that position is understandable, because it gives a lot of power to the person who holds the position and their party.

Buell also spoke about the educational system in Indiana. Buell realizes that the educational system in Indiana should be ameliorated. But besides possible changes made by the national government Buell thinks that the most successful way to get good grades is to come to school with the right motivation and the intention to learn something.★

## Winter Concert at Howe

Mary Nicewanger  
Feature Editor

The Music Department presented the Christmas program called the "Irvington Community Sing" at Howe December 14,

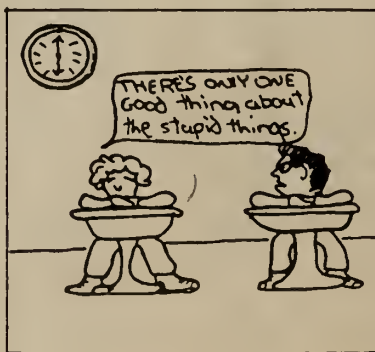
This year the program is dedicated to the "Town of Irvington" because it is the centennial year.

Participating were the Varsity Singers and the Choralaires. Also, the four mini-choir classes helped to bring the total number of singers on stage to 250.

The program will be filled with traditional Christmas music and it began with 5 selections performed by the combined choirs. A novelty number called the "Monotone Angel," that has been done in the past, will give the program some variety.

According to Tom Lewis, head of the Music Department "as usual singers in the Music Department will help kick off the Christmas season in the Irvington Community."★

## Freshman Follies



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# Uniforms: required or not?

## Point

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Vickie Deal

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School uniforms: Why not? Its time for Howe to make our fashion statement, start a new trend. Believe it or not, some of the most successful men and women in America, wore uniforms and some still do today.

Our school is lacking in discipline because our se-

curity system is so over-ridden by people who do not even belong in Howe. School uniforms would tighten the security by distinguishing the outsiders from the students.

School uniforms are becoming a trendy change on the East coast. In other countries such as Australia and New Zealand, the uniform is a part of their everyday life. Many schools

in America today are finding that school uniforms have lessened the socio-economic problem and increased the academic and spirit levels in the school by making the students realize trendy clothes are not what makes the person. In class students should concentrate on school work, not what someone else is wearing or what to wear the next day.

The first amendment of

the Constitution of the United States is not violated by school uniforms. It is violated by the people who take advantage of it by wearing obscene shirts that offend people.

Not only would school uniforms create a new look and atmosphere to Howe, they would also help us with many of the discipline problems we currently face in our school today.

## Counterpoint

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William Roberts  
Co-Editor

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Are your rights as a student being violated? If Superintendent, James Adams has his way, students in the Indianapolis Public Schools will be stripped of their freedom of expression and dressed in identical uniforms under a new dress proposal.

Most students believe their style of dress is an expression of their individuality. The Supreme Court gave students the right of freedom of expression

through the case of Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District in 1969. They ruled that students do not leave their constitutional rights behind when they enter school, and that only substantially disruptive appearance or actions can be prohibited by school officials.

Adams' primary reasons for suggesting the uniforms were to reduce the cost for parents of buying their children expensive fashionable clothing, and to also improve school discipline problems.

While Adams' proposal may interfere with a student's expression of individuality, does it actually resolve the problems he indicated?

Admittedly, the uniforms may eliminate socio-economic differences between students.

However, if a new dress code reduces the cost of clothing during school, what about after school, on weekends, and vacations? Unless students wear the uniforms 24 hours a day, this would only lead to parents spending money for

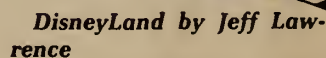
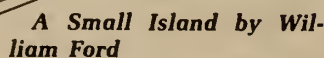
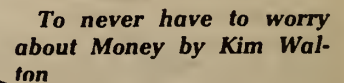
two wardrobes for their children, one for school and one for after school. Without the uniform dress code one wardrobe could be worn universally for both needs.

While Adams can pinpoint certain isolated schools with dress codes who also have fewer discipline problems, there is no evidence that the uniforms are the cause of these schools' low level of discipline problems. Perhaps it simply makes it harder to identify the disruptive students due to everyone wearing the same thing.

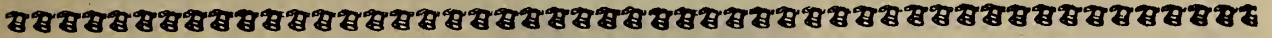
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And some original gifts students would give are: 2,000 Campbell soup cans by Damon Zaphiriou, Homes and Food for the Homeless and the Hungry by Danielle Gregory, Everlasting Love and affection by Kim Walton, Tea-Cup Poodle by Wendie Storm, Disneyland by Jeff Lawrence, and Hearing to all the Deaf by Christa Huntsinger.

Although most students would like to receive a car, there were some students who wanted some non-







# PERSPECTIVES

## Meaning of Christmas

Tony Richmond

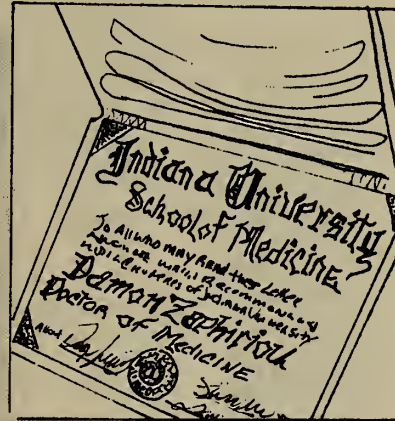
Recently the TOWER staff gave a survey to the faculty advisory classes on the meaning of Christmas.

Fourty-five percent of the students said that Love is their idea of Christmas. Thirty-five percent of the students felt that Peace is their idea of Christmas, and sixteen percent feels that Christmas is Joy and Fun.

Although most students described Christmas tradi-

tionally like Love and Peace etc., some students had original answers. Some of those were: Birth by Jeff Reidy, Jesus by Crystal Powell, Santa by Shannon Fitzgerald, Eggnog by David Holt, Spirituality by Melissa Jackson.

Some students replied to this question negatively. Some of those were: Expensive by Stephen Kenty, Headache by Aimee Rosales, and Boring by Stephen Hooker.



A College Medical Degree by Stacey Faryna



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Jessica Byrd  
Opinion Editor

Happy Holidays. It's time again for the wonderful holiday Christmas. In order to celebrate to the fullest, one must know a few things about Christmas. Here are five tips for the holidays:

### Step 1

Ask for cheap gifts! Your parents (naive as they are) will love you for being so humble, and buy you something truly expensive (such as ..... A NEW CAR!!)

### Step 2

Don't buy traditional gifts. Come on people where's your imagination? You can't tell me that your father isn't tired of that same gray striped tie, he gets every year. He's got a closet full. Come on, go all out this year! Buy him a polka-dotted one!

### Step 3

Shop early! Have you ever been to the malls on Christmas Eve? It's a zoo. Millions of people are packed together like sardines. If you even get in the doors, I doubt you could get past the millions of grandmothers looking for the "traditional wool

items," or the Dads trying to remember what size Mom wears. Then there's Mom. Poor Mom! With her five screaming children on her arm, just trying to find a place to sit. When you finally the store you want, you must put with pushy customers and cranky salespeople, who don't care if the gift you want is out of stock. Then you must again meet Mom, Dad, and Grandma and squeeze out the doors. And all for what? The perfect gift? NO! A pounding headache.

### Step 4

And how about decorating? First, you must decorate the tree. And doesn't everything go wrong? Either the half the lights don't work, or the tree is crooked! In order to make it look half way decent you must cover it with ornaments, (which never match because there is never enough to fit the tree) and tons of tinsel. Then there's wrapping presents. There is never enough wrapping paper. Either it is too long or too short, and you wind up piecing pieces of wrapping paper that doesn't even match together. Then when Christmas comes and you give your gifts, your family must tear through the five layers of tape that you put on in order to keep the paper on. Then you must get

out your Christmas candles, and bells, and that great Christmas music. One never gets tired of listening to Jingle Bells, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, and the rest of those great Christmas classics.

### Step 5

And last but not least, there's that great Christmas anticipation. Where one minute after midnight Christmas Eve, you hear "Wake up, Wake up, It's Christmas!" And then suddenly it hits. You feel this huge weight upon you! It's your little brother or sister jumping you screaming "Get up! Get up!" You drag yourself out of bed and down the stairs. The lights hit you. And then you see them. Your whole family waiting to open the presents. "Merry Christmas!" they yell. You can't believe your whole family is here this early in the morning. There's your Grandma and Grandpa, Mom, Dad, Aunt, Uncle, your little bratty cousins, and your little brothers and sisters begging you to give them their presents. You smell the food cooking, the eggnog, and the children stuffing their faces with all the fruits and candies. Seeing all this, you realize that the only thing that will get you through this terrible ordeal is "Christmas only comes once a year!"★



## DOUBLE LIFE

Mary Nicewanger  
Feature Editor

"It's like living two completely different lives," is how Warren Dressler, compares his careers as both a rock musician and a science teacher. Dressler admits that many may find the fact that one of Howe's science teachers spends most of his free time singing lead vocals in a band very odd. But there are similarities in the occupations. "You're up in front of an audience in both cases. And in both cases the audience can appreciate it when you get a little weird."

Dressler is a member of the band Dantallion. So far the band has published a tape of four songs, "The Fire in her Eyes", "American Boulevard", "Must Be Love", and "It Just Amazes Me." They have been working for three years on this tape and are considering adding a few more songs be-

cause, according to Dressler, "for a major label to pick up what you have, you need a wider selection." Even though music has always been his dream, Dressler wants to keep up with his teaching career here at Howe. He says he loves teaching and, "it would always be here for me to come back to." But don't worry, Dressler isn't about to leave. He says, "you have to keep your dreams realistic. The number of musicians who make it big are few and far between." Some of the radio stations in Evansville, Indianapolis, Terre Haute, Bloomington, and even Texas, are beginning to pick up a few songs. Considering that at the present time, the tape is only being distributed by band members, Dressler says that sales are going well. "I want to sell a million but . . . we've only got 999,950 to go!"★



*Dantallion - Clockwise from bottom - Warren Dressler, lead vocals, keyboard; Merlin Elliott, lead rhythm guitar, vocals; Rick Hufnagel, guitar, vocals; Jean Adams: drums; Rob Blowers: bass guitar Photo Contributed by Warren C.*

**"You have to keep your dreams realistic. The number of musicians who make it big are few and far between."**

## Art Award Corrections

Feature Staff

In the last issue the Tower inadvertently omitted the names of the winners of the Art awards. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused. The

winners are as follows: Emery Flynn, Karen Ward, Amber Lane, Monty Unls, James Welch, Charles McKinney, Howard McCurdy, Anna Poltorak, David Kingery, Allen Whited, Darrell Stout, and Deborah Friddle.

Stephanie Mendoza

"Enthusiastic" is how Senior Class President, Amy Kiefner best describes herself.

Kiefner has participated in many activities while at Howe. Kiefner has been a member of the: Swim Team four years, Student Council four years, Class Officer two years, Girls Tennis Team two years, Mat Maids one year

Kiefner plans to attend Purdue University to earn

her bachelor degree in the field of aviation technology, as she would like to become a commercial pilot.

At Howe, Kiefner majors in science, with her favor-



ite teacher being Mr. Ireher land, head of the Math Department.

Kiefner's advice to freshman is "stay out of trouble

your freshman year, then the rest is easy."★

## A Foreign Christmas

# COMING TO AMERICA

Simone Boehrer  
Foreign Correspondent

One of the best experiences during our exchange year is to celebrate the traditional holidays in a different way. One of the most important celebrations in all christian countries is probably Christmas.

But for exchange students it's the hardest time of the year, because they think of their family at home. Stephanie Labouro, the french exchange student, said that it's a custom in France to set up the Christmas tree two weeks before. The Christmas cele-

bration starts at midnight on December 24. After the whole family goes to church, they have a "very exclusive dinner" together.

After that Pere Noel, the french Santa Claus, comes and brings the presents for each member of the family. In most families you just get one personal present. When Labouro was asked what she liked most about her Christmas at home she said, "The occasion to be together with the whole family!"

In Sweden, the kids get a sock with one present before the celebration be-

gins. That's the proof that Santa Claus was already there. He comes again at about 7 p.m. with a big backpack of presents for each family member. After that it is a custom in Sweden to dance until the family goes to church at 5 a.m., December 25.

Families in Poland, set up the Christmas tree on December 24. Christmas celebrations in Poland are always big family meeting. They have a nice dinner and the family usually puts one extra plate on the table just in case should an unexpected visitor arrives.

Christmas presents in Poland have a more symbolic meaning. As in France the family goes to church at midnight.

In Germany, the family usually attends church service at about 8 p.m. Christmas is a celebration just for the closest family members.

As in most countries Germans have a nice, long dinner after church to have time to talk together. When four candles are lit this means that it is finally Christmas and that the kids are finally allowed to open the gifts under the Christmas tree.★

# Winter Graduation

Mary Nicewanger  
Feature Editor

Most high school graduations are thought to occur during warm weather, with sunny skies and budding flowers. But how about a graduation with freezing winds and snow-capped trees? Many out of Howe's Senior Class will be graduating at the end of the semester instead of waiting for the traditional June date. Even though these students will receive their diplomas with the rest of their class, their days of school and classes will soon be over. Most of the January Graduates interviewed are planning to go

to IUPUI right away. They will begin studying for their chosen occupations, from nursing to architecture during the universities second semester. The reasons that these students want to leave school early are varied. They range from Krista Liford's direct reason of wanting to work longer hours, to Stacey Bishop's familiar refrain, "I just want to get out of School!" Being part of the Senior Class can be difficult for some of the January Graduates. Stephanie Trees says, "it feels weird. I feel out of place." But many graduates are pleased to have a shortened Senior year.★

## JANUARY GRADUATES

Michelle Armstrong  
Stacey Bishop  
Cory Carleton  
Mellisa Carmer  
Joseph Collins  
Donna Davidson  
Kim Davis  
Mark Hemple  
Robert Holland  
Zora Jenkins  
Raquel Johnson  
Lorrie Kennedy

Angela Kidwell  
April Kissee  
Lisa Lawson  
Krista Liford  
Jaquelyn Peyton  
Anna Poltorak  
Angela Rau  
Rudonna Sutton  
Michael Tom  
Stephanie Trees  
Kim Willis  
Delisa Young



## Girls Basketball Heading for City Tournament

William Roberts  
Sports Editor

The Hornet girls basketball team finished their first six games of the regular season with a record of five wins and one loss, and are ready for the city tournament beginning this week.

The girls have won four of their six games against rivals Arlington, Southport, Washington, Manual, and Lawrence Central, losing only to Brebeuf.

Head Coach Charles Page says the girls have played very well so far, I think we are ready for the city tour-

nament. We could have beaten Brebeuf.

Page believes the girls strengths are "Our speed and our shooting, we have very good shooters."

We are also able to change offense and defense depending on the situation, Page added "Using different combinations really helps."

The teams weakness, said page is our height, "Our tallest player is only six foot tall."

The teams leading scorers are Kim Cross, averaging 18 points per game, and who Page says "Is the

best player in the city.", averaging nine points, and D.J. Givans averaging nine points, Michelle Moore also averaging nine points, Sheila Perry averaging seven points a game."

### Girls Basketball Schedule

Dec.	17	City Tourney	
Jan.	3	Ritter	Home
	5	Seccina	There
	7	Bloom. So.	Home
	9	Broad Ripple	There
	11	Tech	There
	17	Arlington	There
	19	Northwest	There
	24	Warren Central	Home
	26	Chatard	Home

### Boys Basketball Schedule

Dec.	16	Broad Ripple	There
Jan.	6	Southport	Home
	13	Tech	Home
	14	Roncalli	There
	27	Northwest	Home
	28	North Central	There
Feb.	3	Washington	There
	10	Manual	There
	11	Lawrence North	Home
	17	Chatard	There
	18	Seccina	Home
	25	Warren Central	Home

### Thomas Stirling Honored

William Roberts  
Sports Editor

Thomas Stirling, former Howe principal, was honored by Indiana State University as an outstanding alumnus on October 22.

In his 30 years at Howe he served as teacher,

coach, dean, director of guidance, vice-principal, and principal. The Thomas Stirling Auditorium was named in his honor for his years of service.

Stirling was president of the Indiana Sports Officials Association and founder of the Indianapolis Federation of Student Councils.

### Planning Begins For Spring Tennis Season

William Roberts  
Sports Editor

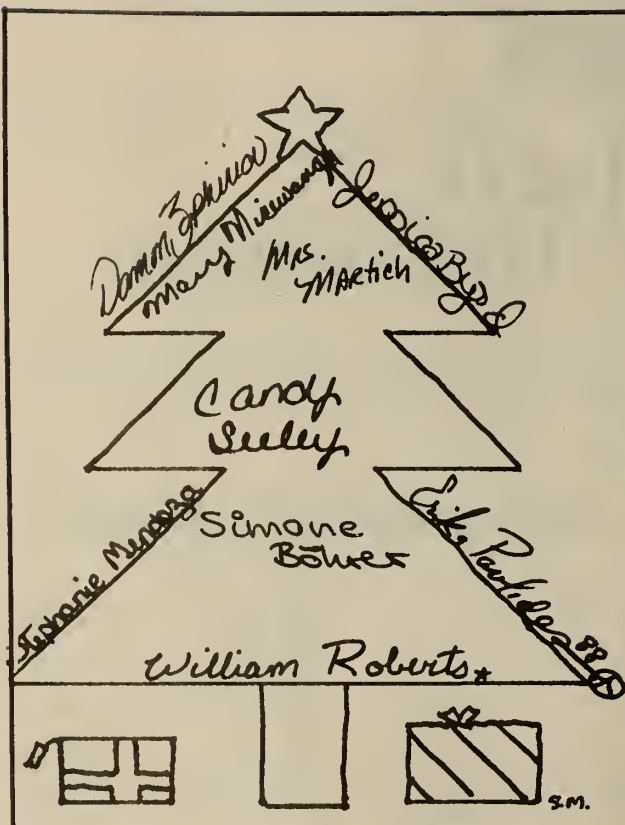
Although snow is in the air, it is already time to think of the spring tennis season.

The Howe girls' tennis team had their first organizational meeting December 13 and will begin practicing February 13.

Anyone wanting to play is encouraged to contact Errol Spears, Girls' Tennis Coach. We've never had cuts in tennis," Spears said. The best seven are on the Varsity team and the rest are on the Reserve team. So everyone who wants to play will play.

Players returning from last year include Sarah Foltz, who Spears says should be one of the better players in the city. Also returning are Marcie Cravens, last years' number two singles player, and Trisha and Tracie Tolin. Spears added that he expects a good crop of freshmen to be on the team.

The team will practice three times a week between mid-February and the first week of March. The season will begin the week after spring vacation, with the first match against Manual on April 10.



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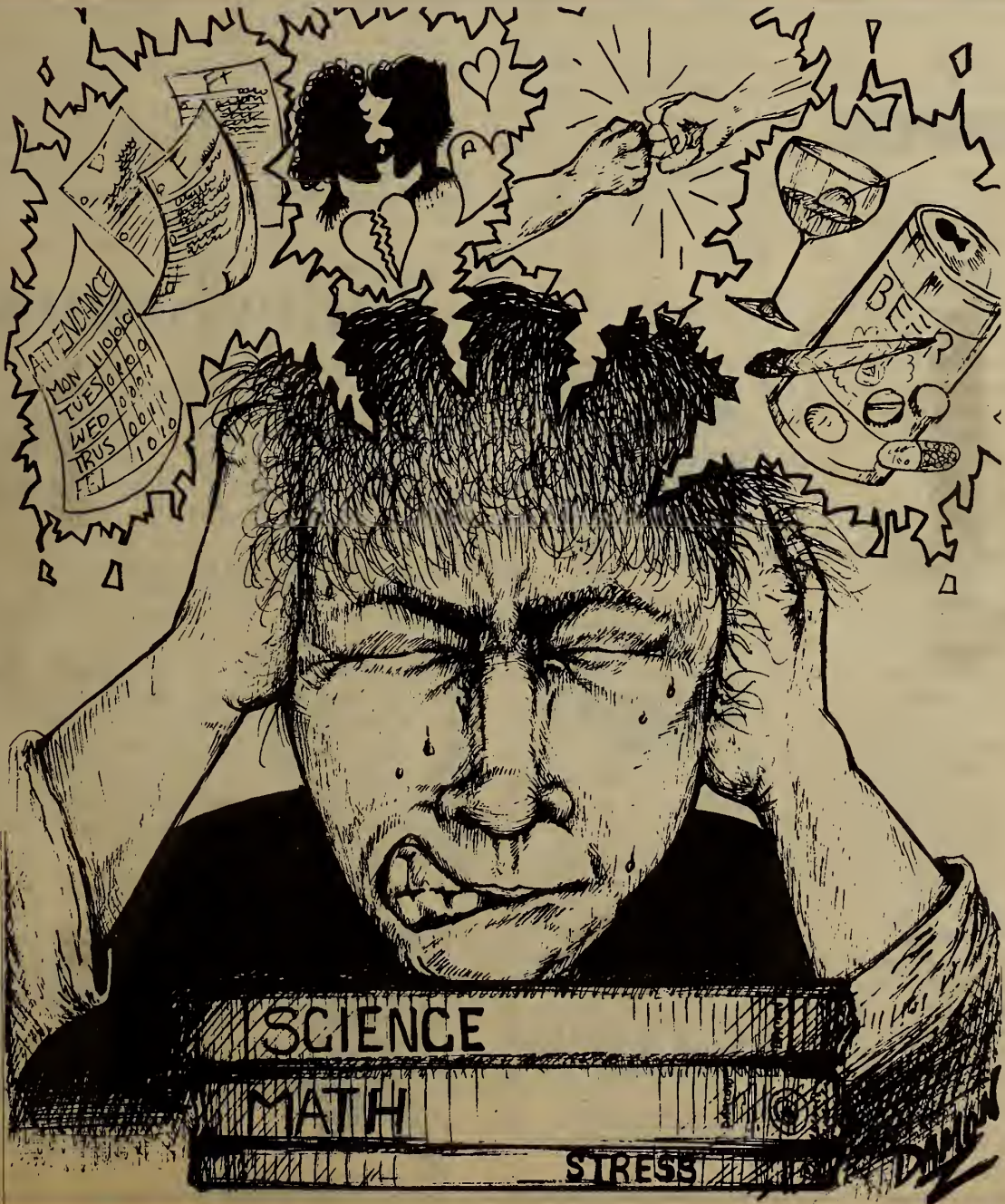
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# Attendance Policy

Teresa Blazek  
Melinda Baker  
News Editor

The step that has been taken to improve attendance and to insure the students the credits they earned is the waiver aspect of the attendance policy.

The waiver is only a

mere feature of the attendance policy, but it is used to send out a clear understanding to students the importance of attendance and how it affects grades.

The waivers were submitted to Frank Tout, principal during the third grading period in the first semester. Attached to each waiver was a copy of the students attendance from the beginning of the semester up to January 12. The purpose of the copies of attendance were to let the

committee of the program see if the students attendances have changed. Students had a better chance of receiving a granted waiver if they improved their attendance after submitting their waiver.

Waivers are given to students who have problems in the beginning of the semester and want to clear their unexcused absences and cuts. It does not really guarantee the student will pass but it exempts them from their eight or more

unexcused days or cuts, and allows them to receive their respective grade.

Another way of getting credits is to take credit by exam tests which are state tests of a pretty high level. Sixty-seven students had applied on the waiver and only seven were granted.

Tout believes that program will not shift immediately, but if the school board decides to continue the program, he gives it at the most three years to really take affect.

## A Better Semester

Mary Nicewanger  
Feature Editor

A new semester began on January 23. Now is the time for students who have had attendance, grade, and behavior difficulties to make a fresh start, and try for once to earn their education.

Guidance counselors, David Smartz and Priscilla Repass believe that attendance is the greatest problem among students.

Repass also believes that some personal problems are connected with attendance difficulties. "Few students

cut just to be cutting," Repass stated.

Smarz says the guidance office plans to be more accurate with attendance routines this semester. Director of Guidance, Robert Berry is revising the "Dean on Duty System," that was used in previous years. This system will put two counselors in charge of discipline. Every two periods, the counselors will rotate. Counselors are hopeful that this system will allow them to deal with other problems including attendance.

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## Briefly Speaking

### Varsity Singers

Each year the Howe Varsity Singers attend the Annual Swing Choir Festival hosted by Beech Grove High School. This festival prepares Swing Choirs from all over the state for the ISMA contest which occurs later in the school year. Each choir prepares a show to perform before judges and many high

school and college students. The choirs then attend workshops and later watch a swing choir perform from one of the near by universities. On January 21, Howe's swing choir participated in this all day event. They attended workshops on voice training, dance movement, and choreography. Later that evening the choirs

watched Ball State University's singers perform.

This year's group includes: Corey Andrews, Melinda Baker, Shonda Boyd, Joseph Bramblett, Jenean Brown, Chad Burris, Rosey Deal, Michelle Humphries, Matt McBurnie, Wayman Miles, Jeff Porter, Scott Schoen, Renee Smith, Jamaine Walker, Amy Watt, and Kristin Woodard.

### Pen Points

For the second year in a row, Pen Points has received a special merit for first place.

Each year the English department sponsors a contest in poetry, prose, and art. Entries are then compiled into Pen Points, a literary arts magazine.

The winners of the art contest are Anna Poltorak and Mike Sinnot, first place; Matthew Rogers, second place; Kirk Pinkston, third place; Victor Grisby, honorable mention. Winners in the poetry category are Amy Hornback, first place; William Johnson, second place; Jacqui Shores, third place; Sharon Parrish, Aaron Payne, Priscilla Armour, Steve White, Lloyd Jessee, and Melinda Caudill, honorable mention. No one was awarded first place in the prose category. David Anderson and Jennifer Bridges received second place, and Deborah Hanna received a third place prose award as well as an award for foreign language poetry.

Pen Points will be on sale in May. This year's editors are Jennifer Bridges, Barbara Embry, Melinda Caudill, Jennifer Fines, Joe Jones, Stacie Armstrong, Bonnie Bullens, Alvin Holliday, William Lego, Richard Storm, Audra West, and Steven White.

### Howe on T.V

Stay tuned to your set on Sunday February 12. At 11:00 a.m. on Channel 13 you can watch Bob Gregory referee a battle of the minds between Cathedral High School and Howe's very own Brain Game Team.

The team's advisers Ron Schoen, Gary Deeter, Dion Marshino and Steve White have worked with the Brain Game Team approximately three nights a week for three months. The game was taped January 24. Spears predicted that the team members Scott

Schoen, Gary Deeter, Dion Marshino and Steve White would do well. Spears stated, "We're going to kill. We're going all the way." Although the game was taped on January 24, you will just have to wait, watch, and see who won.

### Prelude Awards

Senior Jeremy Kincaid participated in the 1989 Prelude Awards Final Performance Round, January 27.

Kincaid, who plays the string bass, was chosen as one of four finalists during

the competition at Butler University two weeks ago. All contestants were divided into five categories. The winner of each category received a scholarship of \$ 1000. A winner of all five categories received \$ 5000. Kincaid promised that he would give them as much as a show as he could. The winners were to be announced during a festive banquet on Saturday evening.

### Leadership Odyssey

Student Council sponsored the Leadership Odyssey on January 20. This all night event is to concentrate on development of leadership skills and interaction with others. The seminar took place at 10:00 p.m. in the south gym. The night's agenda included organized games, relaxation exercises, and mixer activities. Student Council officers

conducted workshops on communication, group dynamics, and date rape. Indiana University Freshman Class President Dena Hancock was a guest speaker.

# Teenage Stress

## Facts on Teenage Stress

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Erika Pavlides

Most teenagers experience stress for many different reasons.

Whatever the reason, the individual must determine how serious the stress might be. The individual

must also decide which situations are most stressful and how such situations may be avoided.

Some may suffer from stress and not be aware of it. Success can be described as a series of steps the individual experiences as he

slowly becomes vulnerable to depression. This depression often results in physical or emotional changes, changes in blood pressure, sleeping patterns, eating habits, personality traits, and behavioral patterns are some of the most common.

If an individual experiences these changes then hospitals may provide more helpful information.

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## Stress at School

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Mary Nicewanger  
Feature Editor

The pressure to succeed can be quite stressful for teenagers.

According to the experts, the problems teens are faced with are just as stressful as any adult problems. In addition, teens may have more difficulties coping with certain situations.

Everyday problems can potentially cause stress. These problems can be things like not making the

football team or cheerleading squad, flunking a test you have studied for, arguing with friends, or being restricted to the house on Friday night.

However, many situations are much more complex. Priscilla Repass, guidance counselor, says that other problems exist, such as pregnancies, potential suicides, loneliness, money, abuse, and run-aways. These are obviously more than a teen should be expected to handle.

Schoolwork plays a major part in teen stress. Many students feel pressure from parents to earn good grades. Sometimes a student can get worried that the low grade they make today will hurt their future.

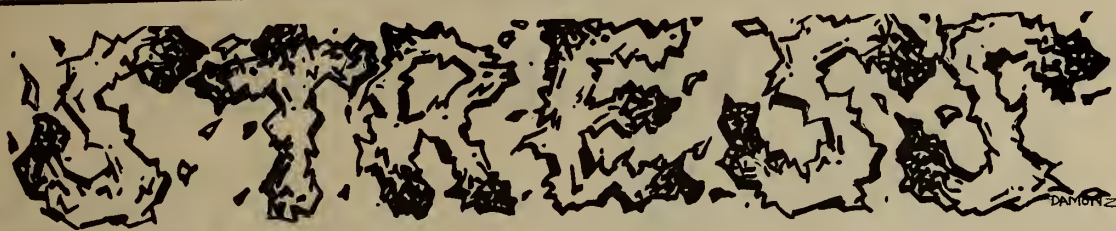
Repass also said that pressure to make straight A's and go to college is not as great at Howe as at suburban schools. Repass added that stress at this school is fitting in with the crowd, rather than achiev-

ing academic success.

However, not all stress is negative. Being determined to make the grade for yourself is stressful, but it is also positive. Pushing yourself to your highest potential in athletics or other extracurricular activities can be both terribly demanding and fulfilling.

When a student comes to Repass with stress symptoms, she says, the first things she does is "try to help by getting a plan on how they can deal with one thing at a time."





## Teachers Offer Advice

Simone Boehrer  
Foreign Correspondent

School plays a major role in a student's life. It can be a main source of stress. If a student is under stress he mostly does not think of the possibility of talking to a teacher, who might be able to give him some help. That is the reason why we asked several OWE teachers what they do if they have the impression that a student is under stress.

Randy Wemple  
(Special Education)  
"Teachers should help the students to find a solution if they are under stress. If I feel that a student is under stress, I try to talk to him first. I think this is the best way to clear the situation."

Ron Finkbiner  
(Social Studies)  
"I think you always have to ask yourself: What is the

worst thing that can happen? There is nothing that important. Normally it is not half as bad as you think. One reason for stress is that the families are not that close anymore as they used to be. Students used to talk to their parents. They don't do that anymore. That is the real problem."

Ron Ireland  
(Math Department)

"I have the impression, that grades are too important for some students. Some students get very nervous about failing the final exams. I sometimes talk with them during the afternoon. Just recently I talked to a girl. She is one of my best students, but she is terribly afraid that she is failing the final exams. She almost fell apart while talking to me. On the other hand you have stu-

dents who don't care at all. They should care but not too much. The world is still going on tomorrow, even if you fail the test."

Arturo Gonzalez  
(English Department)

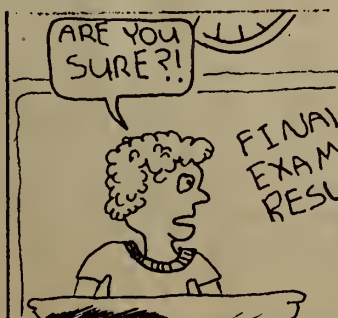
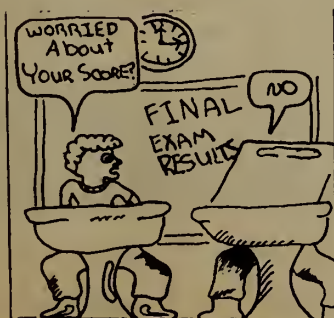
"The best thing you can do is having a talk with a person. But for many students it is a problem to talk. As a teacher you have to wait until a student wants to do something about his problems. The student may not be aware of possible changes in his character. So the only way to deal with stress is to help the student to become aware of his situation. You just have to sit down and talk. The easiest way for a teacher to deal with a student under stress is to send him to his counselor. Unfortunately that is what most teachers do, they just want to get rid of the problem.

That's not my opinion. But that's what most teachers do."

Joe Vespo  
(Foreign Language Department)

"Everybody is under stress. The problem with stress is not that we have it, but how we deal with it. I try to avoid stressful situations. However, I do on occasion find myself in a situation over which I have no control. Then I think: 'In ten years from now, who is going to worry about it?' First I think about possible solutions of the problems. If there are solutions to it, then I work on them. If there are no solutions, then I push the problem aside, if possible. I just don't worry about it. Why compound the situation and become ill when there is nothing I can do about it?"

## Freshman Follies



# The Other Side

Jessica Byrd  
Co-Editor

The first semester has finally ended. However as we rejoice, we must remem-

ber that old cliché, "Out with the old, and in with the new." Yes, hold the party favors, the second semester has begun.

You must once again find classes, put up with new teachers, and do loads of homework every night. But don't fret, here are five helpful hints to assure you a great semester. (Sorry, no money-back guarantee).

## Step # 1

Look on the bright side. The second semester is a time to put all your mistakes of the first semester behind you and wipe the slate clean. Those classes you missed, those tests you failed, and all the homework you never did. (We know your dog ate it). Try to forget it. and if you are stuck with the same teacher, then pray they forgot about it too.

## Step # 2

With a new semester beginning we plan to try and make a good impression, right? We can't go into the classroom with same raggedy folders from last semester. Yes, it is time again for new school supplies. But wait, there's a huge problem. No back to school sales, no pencils for five cents, and no folders for a quarter, and of course, no buying in quantity. Now you'll be lucky to get one folder for the price of five then. But as the saying goes we must grin and buy it, (or was that grin and bear it?). We must bear this terrible ordeal in order to fulfill our parents' expectations of 'our education.'

## Step # 3

Once you are in the classroom and you survey your environment, you must become aware of your teacher. Study him/her carefully and become aware of their weaknesses.

Then begin to be really nice and helpful, carry a book, grade a few papers, and request extra-credit assignments. But, you must remember not to be too conspicuous. You wouldn't want to be called a "teacher's pet," now would you? Slowly but surely, he/she will begin to ask you to do extra projects, such as be a messenger for extra credit towards a "good" grade. If you can pull this off in all of your classes, you might see your name on the straight A list, or you could do it the old-fashioned way and really study.

## Step # 4

We began the school year with some goals for the first semester, right? Some we reached and some we didn't. Well try to focus on those unfulfilled goals and expectations, and begin to plan to reach them.

When you set your goals, always make sure that they can be reached. Saying "by the time the second semester is over, I want to have made straight A's every six weeks," when you know you cannot do better than a C is not wise.

Don't set a goal if you're not going to stick with it. If you're going to say, "I will have perfect attendance every six weeks," and you're going to cut every class the first day, you're not off to a good start.

Goal setting can only be rewarding if you truly want it to be, and

you do not give up easily.

## Step # 5

The most important thing to know is whom to sit by in class. You have a few choices, you have your usual buddies, or you have "Miss I have an I.Q. of 202, and I know it." Well, you really want to pass this class, so you sit by "I.Q. 202." First, you must become her friend. Give her compliments, ask her about her life, and plan activities with her. Then the big one. Ask her to your house to study. Yes, say you're having problems and then you're homefree. No more homework. Your freetime and social life will skyrocket.

Now, you have your plan perfected, or so you think. Suddenly, "I.Q. 202" gets wind of your scheme. She begins to start answering questions wrong, leaving information out, and eventually she confronts you that's right, "Sorry Buster, you're on on your own!" What's a person to do? You rationalize the thought "I could have done the work myself." Of course, the response is, "then why didn't you?"

If you still feel discouraged about going through it all over again, there still may be some salvation. Remember you've made it half way! HAVE A GREAT SECOND SEMESTER!



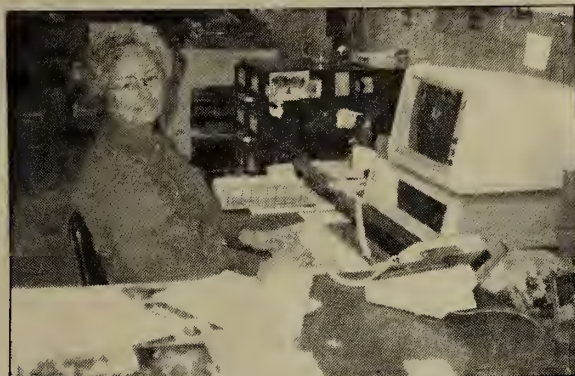
## HORNET HIGHLIGHT

Mary Nicewanger  
Feature Editor

when you want to do them."

McClellan says she is looking forward to "not setting the alarm clock." She will spend her new free time reading, knitting, and sewing. She hopes to spend more time with her family. She will also spend a couple weeks in Florida.

However, McClellan does state that she will miss the students, because "they are so full of life." She advises her replacement to treat the students with respect, because they make the job worthwhile.



*Virginia McClellan, hard at work.*

Virginia McClellan, Howe secretary, left her position after fifteen years of service. Officially her last day was January 27, but you may still have a chance to say good-bye, when she returns to Howe in order to begin training her replacement.

McClellan feels that all through life she has been accountable to someone or something else. "Life is too short," she states. "There are things you want to do

## New Years Resolutions

Tower interviewed several students, asking them about their resolutions. The following are their responses:

Junior Adrienne Pruitt, "I will take my life more seriously."

Senior Larissa McLain, "I want to have more fun in '89, and to do more of what I want to do."

Junior Cliff Davidson, "I want to reach at least the 1200 lb. mark in weight lifting and to get my life in order"

Freshman Christa Hunt-singer, "I want to stop biting my nails so they'll grow. I've already broken my resolution. My nails haven't grown a bit."



**Mark Hempel, Senior,**  
"To enter ITT Technical Institute and maintain a 100% grade average."

**Stacy Wallace, Sophomore,**  
"To make straight A's."

Photos by  
William Roberts

## Coming to America

Simone Boehrer  
Foreign Correspondent

January! Not only is the semester is over, it's also half-time for the exchange students at Howe. Wow! It's surprising how the time has flown.

After six months in the United States, it's time to look back. A thousand questions pop in my mind. Then I constantly question whether all the things I gave up, friendships, good grades at school, and the security of home were worth it.

Yes, there are many expectations that have not been fulfilled. After six months, most exchange students have experienced difficulties with their host families, new friends, and school. I often wonder about the mistakes I have made. Perhaps I should have talked to more people or participated in more activities.

Despite the disappointments there are still good

aspects of my stay in the United States. I received a nice host family, who traveled with me to Texas, and celebrated my eighteenth birthday with me. We get along so well. My host family has even decided to host another exchange student next year. I already envy him/her.

Little by little, I have allowed myself to think about my departure in July. Leaving America, my newly discovered home, will be difficult. When I left my country I was able to tell everyone that I would be back in July. But what will I be able to say about July 1989? Who knows when exchange students will return to the United States? But that's something to worry about on the way to the airport when the flight is called. Until then, six more months to enjoy! Prom, graduation, and my trip to Florida are just a few of the things I still have to look forward to.

## Repairs Proposed for Gym, Track

William Roberts  
Sports Editor

Howe Athletic Director, Curt Ervin, says several proposals for repairs on the north gym and track will be submitted to the I.P.S. School Board this year.

The north gym has a Tartin floor, a surface that consists of a rubber substance laid across a cement slab, and has a slightly different feel and sound than the south gym wooden floor. "Only a basketball player would notice the difference and would be

able to adjust in five minutes," Ervin stated.

The floor, which is more expensive than a wooden floor to repair, needs to be reconditioned which includes cleaning, sanding, and applying a new top coat to the floor surface.

Although the surface is different than a wooden floor, Ervin says there is no substantiated account of an increase of injuries from the floor surface. Ervin also stated that even though repairs on this type of floor are more expensive it has

been a blessing to have the Tartin surface due to the roof leaks. A wooden floor would have warped and required replacement each year.

The north gym roof, which postponed one basketball game last year may be repaired under a proposal which was submitted to repair the entire roof surface over the north gym, auditorium, and media center.

The leaks in the roof almost caused another game to be postponed this year.

But, repairmen were able to temporarily patch the roof so the game could be played. Ervin stated, "This is the best they can do this time," considering the weather.

The school board is also scheduled to act this year on a proposal to install another hard surface on the track, and build a butler building which would contain dressing rooms, showers, and coaches' offices.

## Giving Something Back

Amy Cook

The new girls' Assistant Track Coach, Sybil Perry, is happy to be at Howe. Perry is ready to motivate her runners as others once motivated her.

Perry was rated as an All-American, while running track for Fort Wayne High School, and received a track scholarship at Purdue University. She was previously Cross Country Coach and Assistant Track Coach at Arlington High

School.

Perry feels that her coaching at Howe will be a beneficial experience for herself and the track runners. She finds the girls to be very enthusiastic.

Perry is concerned about her runners as well as the facilities they use. She is especially concerned about the track surface. Perry is eager for it to be changed soon, believing that the new surface will keep Howe competitive with other teams in the state.

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# WILL IT REACH 100 DEGREES

Johan Hedlund

The students and faculty at Howe have complained about the climate in many areas of the building. Some areas are too cold; others are too hot.

Windows in many science classrooms are blocked by the North Gym. Warren Dressler in room

67, said that students cannot stay awake because of the heat. "it is miserably hot everyday and it never gets lower than 82 degrees...you can't have full concentration when it's like this," Dressler said.

Ironically, James Yarber, in room 61, has received a better climate after the

electricity went off in his room a couple of weeks ago. When the power returned, a malfunction in the system has resulted in a better climate.

Counselor David Smartz, who has worked at Howe for five years, has seen no changes even though the administration has been

aware of such problems. from 84 to 88 degrees in Smartz's office. The temperature has decreased some recently, but Smartz believes this is only temporary.

The temperature varies Madora Walker, Vice Principal, has brought the situation to the attention of

the Building and Grounds Division at the Education Center. A consulting engineer has made several recommendations. Walker said that the problem is primarily ventilation. Because the boiler room heats many rooms, air-conditioning and isolation of these rooms are some possible suggestions.

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# SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS

Jessica Byrd  
Co-Editor

Five Howe students were recognized as Gold Key Finalists in the Scholastic Art Awards and their art work is on the way to New York City to be judged nationally.

Art teachers selected and submitted entries for regional judging. Awards were recommended by the Advisory Committee. The work selected was displayed in the Scholastic Art Awards Exhibit at L.S.

Ayres Downtown in the Eighth Floor Auditorium, during Feb. 4-15.

The exhibition included Gold Key and Gold Key Finalists Award (the highest regional award), Honorable Mention, and Special Awards. Each student represented in the exhibit received a Certificate of Merit. Five art entries bore a Hallmark Seal, which meant that they were nominated as outstanding in the painting and drawing classifications. One of those paintings will receive a

Hallmark Honor Prize of \$100.00 at the national judging.

Qualifications for submitted art work were: work must have been on canvas board or other prepared surface; paintings could have been either in transparent water colors or in opaque water colors; and drawings were rendered in pencil or ink technique. Entries could be in two or more media, creative prints, commercial prints, collage, creations in fiber or fabric; work in round,

relief, modeled, carved, etc.; or articles such as bowls, pendants, rings, pins, etc. Entries could also be in black and white, color or experimental.

Gold Key Finalists included: Ron Evans, David Mattingly, Donald Salyers, Mike Tucher, and Damon Zaphiriou.

The following students were also recognized in the awards: Eric Berg (two Honorable Mentions), Tim Bryant (Honorable Mention), Deborah Friddle (Honorable Mention), James

Graff (Honorable Mention), Shane Hicks (Honorable Mention), Andrew Lane (Honorable Mention), Kowalski Martin (Honorable Mention), Don Parker (Honorable Mention), Mishell Parker (Honorable Mention), Kirk Pinkston (Honorable Mention), Darrell Stout (Honorable Mention), James Welch (Gold Key and Honorable Mention), Joe Williams (Honorable Mention), and James Worth (Honorable Mention).

## "Once Upon A Mattress"

Melinda Baker  
News Editor

The 1989 spring musical, "Once upon a Mattress," will be presented at 8 p.m. on the nights of March 17 and 18 in the Thomas Stirling auditorium.

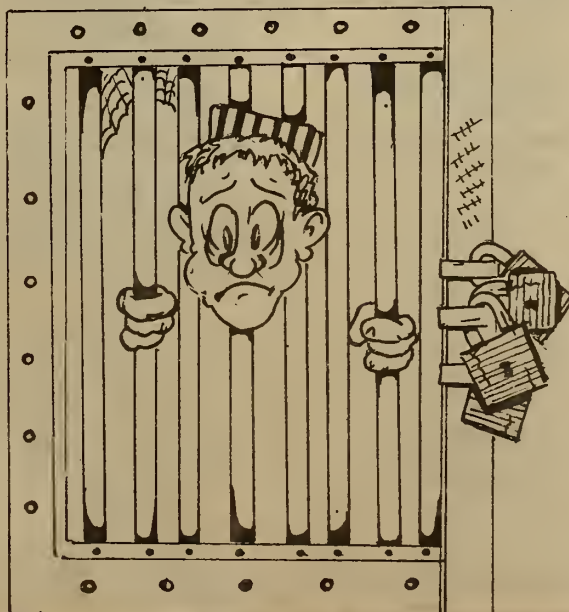
The main characters are played by seniors Scott Schoen as the king, Melinda Baker as Lady Larken, Jamaine Walker as the Wizard, and James Dearth as the Minstrel. Juniors are Joseph Bramblett

as the Prince, Amy Watt as the Queen, and Eric White as the Jester. Sophomores include Clara Winslow as the Princess, and Matt Mcburnie as Harry.

The main plot concerns a princess that has to pass the Queen's test in order to marry the prince. All of the characters revolve around this one event.

The director, Tom Lewis stated, "It takes much work not only from myself, but from the kids involved."

## Capital Punishment For Teens?



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## YEARBOOK TO BE ON TIME IN 89

Mary Nicewanger  
Feature Editor

"You'll find something to smile about on each page," promises yearbook adviser Greg Shelton, in reference to the 1988-89 Hilltopper.

In the past few years it has been unusual to receive the yearbook in the same year. However, this

year Shelton says they are ahead of their deadlines.

The first sale of the yearbook, for fifteen dollars, ended on February 3. Orders can not be made again until the first part of March, when the remaining sections will be sent to the printer. The Hilltopper staff will celebrate the book's completion with a sale of

yearbooks for twenty dollars, for a two week period. After the finished yearbooks arrive, final sales will be made for twenty-five dollars.

"Expect a lot of nice surprises in the upcoming yearbook," stated Shelton. The staff is working hard to develop photo captions that are both informative

and humorous. Shelton described this year's book as a "very 'up' book."

Shelton was very secretive about a very special fold-out that will be in the yearbook. According to Shelton, "There are alot of things they haven't seen."



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# NEWS

## Briefly Speaking

### STUDENTS MAKE THEIR MARKS

During the month of December, Howe had problems with vandalism.

There were two specific incidents that caused much controversy. A Lawrence Central bus, transporting the girls' basketball team was vandalized here at Howe. A few days later, the outside wall of the cafeteria was spray painted.

There have been no new leads as to who the perpetrators of those crimes are. However decisions have been made concerning the repair costs.

In regard to the bus incident, Lawrence Central will have to pay to have the damages repaired. Howe

had to pay between \$150 to \$200 to repair and sand blast the damages to the outside school wall.

Madora Walker, Vice-Principal says that precautions are being taken to prevent further incidents. Anyone caught vandalizing school property will be subject to expulsion.

### DECA Hosts Conference

Deca hosted a district conference at Howe on Jan. 28, to allow Deca students to enter district competition. Students were also able to register for upcoming city, state, and national contests.

Deca stands for Distributive Education Clubs of America. Deca is a Marketing oriented organization for students. Deborah Bareford is the Deca sponsor for Howe.

At the conference students had to take a product and service technology test and participate in two judged events to qualify for the contest.

In between contests, games were played and movies were shown to relax the contestants. The afternoon concluded with an awards ceremony.

### MOVING RIGHT ALONG

On January 28 the Math Club went to the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago.

Students who sold candy before the trip could visit all the available exhibits. There was a German submarine that was the only submarine captured in World War I. Most of the students were attracted to the newest exhibit in the museum which is the Omnimax Theatre. American achievements in space were shown on a huge movie screen. Part of the exhibit involved a simulated space shuttle ride that was computer-controlled with an inside screen to enhance the effect of reality.

Many of the attractions involved hands-on attractions that students could experience individually. Examples include a variety of computers, talking on a telephone from the 1900's, and an exhibit detailing the growth of a fetus during pregnancy.

Most students seemed to enjoy the trip according to math teacher Carolyn Freeman.

Teresa Blazek

The club Future Educators in Action or FEA, is a small club for students interested in furthering their education or a teaching career.

Denise Slayback is the president of FEA, and Richard Beck is the adviser to a group of 20 members.

### FUTURE EDUCATORS

#### IN ACTION

The club focuses on a cadet teaching program. In this program the members go out and shadow teachers at different schools for one day. This helps students to gain a better understanding of the career of a teacher.

All interested students are welcome, and can contact R.Beck, or attend one of the meetings on every

other Friday at 7 a.m. in room 244. The next meeting will be February 24.

At these meetings, applications will be distributed to interested students. The membership committee will review the applications and will notify new members in their faculty adviser period.

#### First Place

#### Speech Contest

Howe student Shelley Oberholtzer won first place of voice of Democracy's speech contest. It took place at the VFW Hall on English Avenue. Oberholtzer was awarded a #100 savings bond for her first place prize. Students from Arsenal Technical High School were also involved in the contest.

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## The Other Side Finer Points of Dating

Jessica Byrd  
Opinion Editor

Dating. What does the word mean? What are the rules? I'm sure every teenager has said to themselves at one time or another those words from that famous song, "Why must I be a teenager in love?" What can a teen do to assure a good date? Nothing, right? Wrong, here are some finer points on dating from a teenager's perspective (Sorry, Ann Landers and Miss Manners are on vacation.)

### The Confrontation

#### Male

You see her across the hall and she is all alone. You start to approach her, but suddenly a wave of laughter descends upon her. You stop. How can you ask a girl out in front of her giggling friends?

Your first thought is "Never mind, I didn't like her that much anyway." But wait, look at her side. Just think how nervous she could be, and then walk up to her, and ask her out. Just pray she says Yes (or face the guys after your rejection).

#### Female

You're standing in the hallway talking to a few friends, when suddenly you hear a voice say, "Excuse me Jennifer, can I speak to you?" As you leave, you see all your friends staring at you. You think to yourself, "What does he want, and why is everyone whispering?"

"Jennifer, I was wondering if you would like to go see a movie Friday night?" You think to yourself, "Oh my god, he asked me out. What should I say?" Then you think, what will my friends think, what will I wear, etc. "Um, I'll understand if you say no."

Then you hear your con-

science saying, "How stupid can you be, answer the boy. You're torturing him." "Oh yes, that would be great," you say. Now, you can once again ponder those thoughts, what will my friends think, what will I wear, etc.

### Apparel

#### Male

The worst part is over, since you asked her out and she said yes. Now the old question, "What will I wear?" Well, you're going to a movie and dinner afterward, so you should be casual. But not overly casual (no ripped jeans or holey tee-shirts).

But what type of impression do you want to make on her? If you really like her, dress nice, and if this is only a friendly date, be yourself. Dress nice but don't out do yourself.

Just remember first impressions do count. In other words, if you mess up, this may be the last date you have.

#### Female

The worst part of a date for a girl is deciding what to wear. You end up trying on twelve different outfits before deciding. Just remember a few things.

Never ask your parents opinion. They are not judgmental and they love you no matter how much your outfit clashes. If they say it

is lovely, change. Or your outfit could end up being the major topic of conversation or laughter of the evening.

Also, try to think of what type of guy he seems to be. —If he's known to be "fast" and you're a bit conservative, a "very" long skirt or pants are a good choice. Of course it depends on if you really like this boy. Maybe a mini-skirt or tight jeans are an option.

As for anyone, male or female, just remember this could be the true beginning of a budding romance, or the end of your dating life.

### The final test

#### Male

You've asked he out, she has said Yes, and you are dressed to kill. Now, you must pick her up and meet her parents. You think to yourself, don't mess up. Be polite, open doors, take her coat, are just a few things you have rehearsed over and over.

You arrive at her home, you ring the doorbell, and are invited in. You go through your rehearsed plan and you leave without a scrape.

Now the real test, being alone. What will you say, or do? You are not sure what she likes, and a conversation on 4x4's, probably would not excite her.

So you decide to leave the conversation to her. Luckily, she is not a talker.

You arrive at the movie, and ask if she would like any refreshments. You purchase those and take your seats. Unfortunately for you, her choice of a great movie is (expecting of a girl) Endless Love. So after fifteen minutes into the movie you decide to "make your move."

You slowly drape your arm around her shoulders, and carelessly spill popcorn over you, her, and the couple behind you. Already red with embarrassment you try another approach. You casually try to hold her hand, but she jerk it and spills her cola all over her outfit. She angrily stomps to the restroom, leaving you to watch this horrid film alone.

Well the only "clever" phrase of advice I have is, "there's no since crying over spilled cola." Look on the bright side, you don't have to pay for dinner.

#### Female

You patiently wait by the door for him to arrive. The question, "What if he stands me up," is running through your mind. Just then, the doorbell rings, he greets your parents, and you're off. On the ride there, the conversation is a bit slow. You try to ask questions but he (being the typical male) only responds in monosyllables.

When you arrive at the

movie, he graciously offers you refreshments. You accept. As you take your seats, you are intrigued by the beginning of your favorite film Endless Love, (a true classic, unlike his choice, The Terminator). After about fifteen minutes, you notice his arm slinking your shoulder. You think to yourself, "Boy, he works fast." You'll get him! You position the popcorn exactly where he will tip it over.

Naturally he does, all over him, and the couple behind you. He is red with embarrassment. "Serves you right, Mr. Sly," you think to yourself. Suddenly, you have to urge to go freshen up. You start to get up, when he spills your cola all over your new outfit. You are furious, and stomp to restroom. After cooling off, you debate whether to call a taxi, making him take you home, or put up his incompetence for a free meal. You are dying of hunger so you decide on a free meal.

You decide the only thing that will get you by is the satisfaction of knowing this will be the last date he will ever have (Due to your sweet comments to every one at school Monday about him).

So hopefully, these humorous tips will help your dating experiences be rewarding. Although if you bomb out, I will be terribly disappointed, I also am not liable for any of your "disasters."





# Capital Punishment:

## Do Teens Deserve To Die?

### Point

William Roberts  
Co-Editor

If teenagers want to receive adult treatment, then that should extend to the punishment given for committing the crimes of adults.

However according to four of the nine justices of the United States Supreme Court, execution of minors would be unconstitutional due to the constitutional ban on "cruel and unusual punishment."

The justices who concur on the unconstitutionality of these executions state they are inhumane and abhorrent to the general public. Yet 70% of that general public who participated in a Glamour magazine survey say they disagree with the

justices. As one survey comment stated "If they're old enough to commit the crime, then they're old enough to suffer the consequences." A lot of minors who commit crimes do so because they know they can get away with murder.

The justices also say minors are more easily rehabilitated and do not mean to commit a premeditated capital offense. Yet 54% of those surveyed do not believe rehabilitation can be effective for minors convicted of murder, statistics show that two-thirds of all convicts now in prison will return within five years of being released.

A minor is capable of intending in an adult manner to commit a capital offense, according to 88% of those

polled.

As one individual surveyed elaborated, "I'm tired of hearing that children don't know what they are doing. As a former educator, I know that children of any age know a great deal more than we give them credit for. Just because a kid isn't eighteen doesn't mean he doesn't know that killing or raping is wrong. We need to take a firm stand to protect our citizens against crime, regardless of the criminals age."

Why should society pay the cost of shelter, food, and medical attention for a person who has displayed a complete disregard for the rules of conduct in this society?

Another argument against the death penalty whether

against minors or not, is that the death penalty is no more a crime deterrent than life imprisonment. In countries where criminals suffer a punishment equaling their crime such as amputation of a hand for pickpockets, the crime rate is extremely low because of the threat of sure and severe punishment.

Of those surveyed, 73% said they believe the death penalty is a more effective crime deterrent than life imprisonment. As one person put it "If enough death sentences were carried out people might start thinking harder before committing crimes."

If a minimum age was set for all executions nationally, what would this age be, and who would de-

cide? In a country where age requirements vary from state to state could we all decide the exact minute in time when a person becomes responsible for his or her own actions?

The system could be very cruel in many critical cases. It's a matter of life and death. If you committed a crime and had recently turned eighteen should someone who committed the same crime but is still a day younger than eighteen get away with life imprisonment, while you are sentenced to death, or should people be judged by the behavior they exhibit, regardless of their chronological age?

### Counterpoint

Mary Nicewanger  
Feature Editor

To most teens the question of capital punishment is unimportant. How can it affect the average teen? Those same people may be unaware of the 30 inmates on death row, who were under the age of eighteen when convicted.

Indiana has the lowest minimum age for execution. According to Indiana law, a child of ten can be held accountable with their life for a crime committed. Luckily, no jury has yet had to test that young age, but juveniles as young as fifteen have been sentenced to death.

Those sentenced sit in jail cells, not waiting for the day they leave, or feeling that they are paying their debt to society, but waiting for as long as ten years to be put into an early grave. Not only do they have to face death, but also the double punishment of serving time in prison on death row.

Isn't it ironic? Before you are allowed to drive, vote, buy alcohol or cigarettes, or even work past 7:30 p.m. on a week night, you can be executed.

If teenagers are not allowed responsibility for other aspects of their life, how can they be held accountable for something as complex as murder?

Isn't the death penalty used only for hopeless cases, when you must give up on a human being? How can you give up on someone so early in their life? Teens may have a much better chance of being rehabilitated. Due to their young age and naivete, teens can change their minds and can be taught to do better easier than adults.

The long period of time that teens must wait for their death allows them to begin to rehabilitate. How far they have come in rehabilitation is never considered. Many teens are executed after they have changed their attitudes.

An example of juvenile justice is the case of Terry Roach. At age seventeen he participated in a murder along with two adults. He was on death row for eight years before he was executed. The irony was that Roach, considered to be mentally retarded, had an abnormally low I.Q. of approximately 70. Appeal after appeal was denied although he could not comprehend the idea of capital punishment.

Even if Roach was not mentally handicapped, can any child who commits a brutal enough murder to be sentenced to death be sane?

The question of the death penalty often depends on which state tries the case, lawyers, and of course the jury. These factors make the outcome of the trials inconsistent. Such varieties in judgment can hardly seem fair.

Recently in New York adult Joseph Steinberg was on trial for the murder of his illegally adopted six

year old daughter. He was accused of beating her to death. He was not charged with murder, but first degree manslaughter, a lesser sentence. According to the court he had not intended to kill the child, although he beat her. It's strange that he will receive imprisonment while Wayne Thompson was sentenced to death. Thompson was fifteen when he and three adults killed Thompson's brother in-law.

The fact that the brother in-law had pulled a gun on Thompson's sister numerous times, and had abused his own children was not considered in the case. The verdict about his Thompson's death was harsh compared to the sentencing Joe Steinberg received.

Is it fair to sentence a fifteen year old to an early grave?

Now to the Christian approach to the argument. Does man have the right to decide who can live and who can die? Do two wrongs make a right?

One of the purposes of capital punishment is to reduce crime by making an example of some. There is no significant difference between the murder rates of Indiana (a state that allows the death penalty) and Michigan (a state without the death penalty). Does this mean that one of the so called purposes of capital punishment is not being met?

the first right we are given in the constitution is the right to life. Yet America not only kills it's citizens but includes it's youth too. Other countries such as Italy have emphatically denounced the United States for subjecting young people to the death penalty. Could America learn more humane treatment from the rest of the world?



## ♥ DATING GAME ♥♥

Mary Nicewanger  
Feature Editor

With Valentine's Day fresh in our minds, maybe we should focus on a very important part of our social lives, dating. Dating has it's ups and downs and a certain unwritten set of rules that you can refer to at your own discretion.

The very basis of dating is formed by the romantic grapevine, known as notes. What other form of communication better begins the process of high school love? Notes pave the way for the telephone calls that follow.

The very first note in the process is the one written to your best friend explaining a slight crush you have on someone. Then slowly, passing through at least seven people you have never even heard of, the message finally gets to that special someone. Then this someone sends an identical message back to you the same way. Now it's time for the big note! Does this sound complicated? It is supposed to be, it's love.

The average high school love note isn't exactly a romantic masterpiece. The introductory note normally begins with some cute meaningless greeting, the exact same one you use on notes to your friends. Then it goes on about how boring the class is. After about the fourth sentence it says, "I'm running out of time; the bells about to ring," which translates into "I

don't know what else to say!" The only hint of any attraction at all can be found in the closing, "Luv ya," and of course the phone number in the postscript. Now you're close to your first date together.

Movies are always a popular place for dates. Many complain that a movie is something you see with your "buddies", and a restaurant or dance club is

more appropriate. But movies can provide a more comfortable atmosphere, and that can help relieve the tension of the first few dates. According to a survey conducted by Campus Life magazine, both girls and guys look for the same things in a date: a warm personality, sensitivity, and above all, honesty. Most of all you should be able to trust the person you are dating.

Have you ever sat at home in front of the T.V. on a Friday night? Many wonder, "Am I the only one without a date?" Many before you have lived through dateless Friday nights; so will you. But there are alternatives. Sometimes a new beginning, such as a blind date, can help.

Blind dates can seem scary. It's hard having to sit in front of a mirror curling your hair, while you visualize the ultimate dating nightmare. But relax. If you were fixed up by a good friend then you can trust them not to stick you with a nerd.

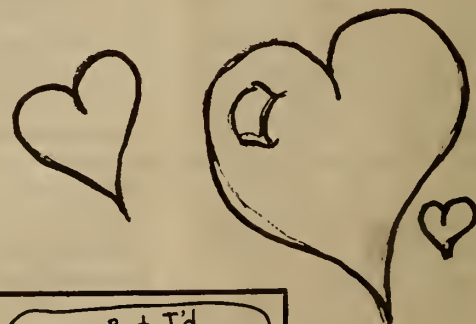
The "Campus Life Survey" revealed that a lot of guys would be relieved if girls started asking them out instead, even though the girls weren't too crazy about the idea. What's wrong? This is the eighties. A guy may not be sure how you feel about him. Asking for a date would sum up your feeling quickly. He may not respect you, and if not, who needs him!

Don't judge people on the surface. It takes a person with a lot of self-confidence to stop worrying about how popular their date is. A relationship can become much more serious when you love someone for who he or she is, without worrying about popularity. Besides, your dates are your friends. It takes alot to rise above cliques and prejudices and date whom you want to date.

Dating is a very important part of your life as a teenager. Remember not only the so-called rules of dating, but create and live by your own rules.



## Freshman Follies





## HOWIE'S Student Choice Awards

Mary Nicewanger  
Feature Editor

The time has arrived to bestow awards everywhere. Every television station you turn on people are shown accepting gold figurines with long tearful thank yous.

This schedule of events is highlighted but the Academy Awards (nicknamed the Oscars) on March 26. However the Emmys for television and the American Music Awards, are more popular with Howe students.

Yet, do these awards really sum up what teenagers think of the entertainment industry?

The Tower investigated by surveying a sample of our student body.

As a result, the following

"Howies" were awarded by the Tower.

Def Leppard was the big winner since it rated number one band by 20%. In this category Heavy Metal bands seemed to prevail. Guns 'N' Roses held second place with 14% of the vote compared to Metallica at 12%.

The title of best song was much more balanced with a tie between Paula Abdul's Straight Up and Paradise City by Guns 'N' Roses, both receiving 10% of the votes.

The number one Music Video according to Howe is indeed One Metallica. This captured only 14% of the votes, but it still managed to beat both My Perogative by Bobby Brown, and Paradise City's scores of 12%.

Now change the televi-

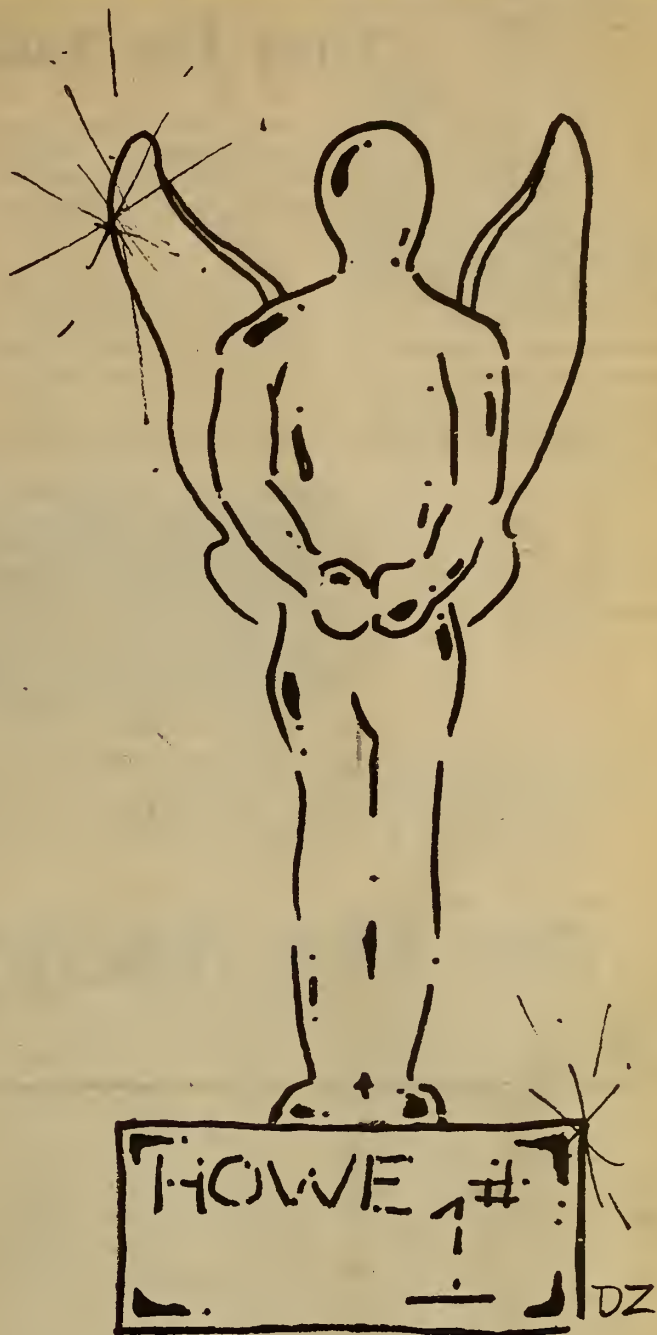
sion station from M.T.V. to 21 Jump Street. It was by far the most popular T.V. show. It won with 20% of the vote. In addition one of the stars Johnny Depp was voted best T.V. actor by 22% of those surveyed.

The "Queen of Television" (best T.V. actress according to our poll is the domestic goddess Roseanne Barr. She gained the highest percent of the competition with 42%.

Now for the big screen. Howe's favorite film actor proved to be Tom Cruise with a voting percentage of 30%. Molly Ringwald took the best film actress award with 32%.

When it comes to movies Howe students have a very wide variety of favorites. The top spot turned into a three-way tie, each with only 8% of voters in their favor, they were Rain Man with Tom Cruise, Twins with Danny Devito, and Coming to America with Eddie Murphy.

Howe students also speculated that the best picture Oscar would go to Rain Man, with a 26% shares of the votes.



## Coming To America

Simone Boehrer  
Foreign Correspondent

After 184 days in the United States I have gotten used to many things.

But I know, there will be at least two things I'll never get used to. Those things are the school lunches at Howe and the strange American dating system. It's hard to say which is worse.

In those 184 days I've had all kinds of dates. My first date, a blind date, was in my second week in America. The telephone rang and a guy just said "Hi, How are you?" and started talking to me.

We talked about Howe, love, and Eddie Murphy. About half an hour later, I finally found the courage to ask, "Well, it's really nice to talk to you, but what's your name?" The consequence of that phone call was as I mentioned before, my first date.

Then I went on double dates, boring dates, exciting

dates, and another blind date, which I've tried to forget. The only good thing about it was the movie.

Did you know that some people already worry about there prom date? What a horror, prom is mere months away and I still have no date! Isn't it ridiculous to think about that now?

But still can anyone explain to me these rules of dating? Are there any at all? Can I just call up a guy and set up a date? Well, probably I could.

I know that American girls do that! It's a pity that I'm so terribly old-fashioned in those situations: Otherwise I just would walk up to that nice guy I see everyday in the hallway and say: "Hi, I'm Simone, Want a date?"



## Hornet Highlight

Amy Cook  
Exchange Editor

She is the junior class representative to Student Council. Who is she? She's Karlissa Scott.

Karlissa is involved in many things at Howe and at Tech where she attends an afternoon magnet class, advanced cosmetology. Her activities include Student Council, Concert Choir, and Center for Leadership Development Classes here at Howe.

At Tech she is president of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America and president of her advanced cosmetology class.

She likes singing, doing people's hair, horseback riding, and cycling.

Karlissa has or will have four majors. They are Eng-



lish, Music, Science, and cosmetology.

Her current classes are Economics, English 7, Concert Choir, Advanced Physical Education, Student Council, and Advanced Cosmetology.

Karlissa plans to attend Howard University in Washington D.C., where she plans to study law. She

would like to be a district attorney or a judge.

Karlissa doesn't plan to marry because she claims, "I'm too independent." However once she settles down she would like to adopt children.

When Karlissa was asked how she felt about Howe she replied "I like Howe alot. The students are great, faculty is great, it's a good place."

Karlissa says attending Howe has helped her to become a better leader, get along better with all types of people, and to work with, instead of against the faculty and staff.

Karlissa's advice to other Howe students is, "Set your goals and strive for them, because all your dreams can come true."



## Time For Tennis

Bonnie Bullens  
Sports Editor

Believe it or not, spring is coming soon and with it girls' tennis. Errol Spears coached boys' tennis for five years before taking over the girls' team. Although this is his second year as coach, last year the girls' team won the title of city champs.

Spears is optimistic about this season. So far fourteen girls have signed up, and once practice starts, three or four more may join the team. Re-

turning players are Sarah Foltz, Marcie Litteral, Tracy and Trisha Tolin, Bonnie Bullens, Rose Childs, and Tracy Kult.

Just by looking at the players, Spears thinks the team will be able to beat all of the city schools, but the harder schools will be Cathedral, Perry Meridian, Chatard, Roncalli, and some of the county schools. The overall goal Spears has for the team is to win half of their matches against the harder schools.

The teams first practice was on February 13. The season begins with their first game on April 10 against Manual in Ellenberger Park at 4:30 p.m. Any interested girls can still join the team, but a physical is required.

Spears also says there is hope for building tennis courts on the school grounds. The idea has been submitted to the I.P.S. School Board and placed on the agenda for investigation.

## Unknown Heroines

Chad Burris

You see them standing on the floor, sweating, putting their hearts into their work. These people are true heroines, dedicated to giving their best in every aspect of their job. Using their leadership abilities and outgoing personalities, they excite the crowd to support their favorite team. Yes, I'm talking about cheerleaders, "the unrecognized heroines."

They give their all to lift school spirit, bringing the crowd to an enthusiastic state (almost to the point of jumping up & down in the stands like half-crazed maniacs.) To be as good as they can be, the girls must stay after school, every day

spending up to one hour for practice; and still passing four credit courses. They also must have enough courage to stand in front of a crowd of people, cheering a Howe team to a victory.

The girls are not allowed to have more than eight unexcused absences to stay on the team and if they miss a day, they do not cheer at the next game. If they don't cheer at one of the games, they miss the next two games.

Cheerleading may not be thought of as an athletic sport in the manner of football or basketball, but the girls' skills enhance the school's image.

## For The Record

### Hornets at State Wrestling Meet

The Tower Staff would like to congratulate Gordon Williams and Alvin Holiday, on making it to the state wrestling meet. On Friday February 17 and Saturday February 18 they will compete against the best wrestlers in each of their weight classes. Curt Ervin, Sports Director stated "Williams and Holiday have as good of a chance as anyone."

### "Off To A Good Start"

The track team is off to a good start because of returning seniors Dawn Thompson, Angie Webb, Tammy King, and Tiffany Archie.

"This is as good a senior bunch as we have had for a while. Hopefully they will provide leadership for the rest of the team," says Coach James Whisler.

There is also a new track coach from Arlington, Sybil Perry. Her main jobs will be with sprinters, hurdlers, long jumpers, and work outs.

There are 33 team members mostly freshman and sophmores. The first indoor meet is Saturday, February 18 in Bloomington.

### Honoring Winter Sports

Seniors who played winter sports prepare your parents for an honor ceremony. On February 25 before the variety basketball game, against Warren Central those seniors and their parents will be introduced to the attending crowd. The sports being honored are girls and boys basketball, wrestling, cheerleading, and mat maids. There will be a reception for the Seniors and their parents after the ceremonies.

### Future Boys Swim Team

Howe has a girls swim team, but there has not been a boys team. Enough interest has been expressed in a male team so Curt Ervin, Athletic Director, is planning on starting a team next year.

## Editor's Note

From the Sports Editor- In future issues we will be looking into non-school sponsored sports. If you have any unusual hobbies or activities, please write your name, faculty adviser, period room number, and details about the activity on paper. Please place it in Mrs. Martich's mailbox or give to a **Tower** staff member.

Note to the male athletes: sorry this issue mainly focuses on the girls, but we will make amends next issue.

### Key Softball Players Return

Coach Chuck Page is welcoming back key players Rita Cruz and Sherri Ochs to Howe's softball team. He is also happy about the great turnout to join the team. There may be enough players to have both varsity and reserve teams.

The first practice will be in the south gym Tuesday, February 21 at 3 p.m. and their first game is against Washington April 10 at Ellenberger Park. All that is required to play is a physical on record, four credits, and good attendance at practices.



# HOWE STUDENT HONORED

Mary Nicewanger  
Feature Editor

On February 10 the Kiwanis Club of Indianapolis honored Howe student Roselyn DeCastro for her outstanding efforts to overcome her handicap. DeCastro received, as a second place winner, a \$6,000 scholarship.

This ceremony, the 14th Annual Abe Lincoln Scholarship Awards Program, distributed scholarships to students who had

in one way or another overcome an environmental obstacle.

DeCastro had to overcome, not only being in a wheelchair, but also a language barrier. DeCastro has to endure frequent surgery and hospitalizations, but that hasn't stopped her. Up until the eighth grade, DeCastro was in Special Education classes. Now her schedule is filled with advanced courses, and she is ranked third in her class.

All of these accomplishments helped DeCastro win the scholarship.

The process of entering the contest began when Howe's Director of Guidance, Robert Berry, nominated DeCastro for this award. She then put together a portfolio of teacher recommendations and a general historical background, and submitted it to the Kiwanis Club. On Saturday, January 7, she appeared before a selected

committee who, being familiar with her background, interviewed her. They asked her about her plans for the future, and she said they seemed to focus on questions about her language barrier.

DeCastro is very happy about receiving this honor and plans to use the \$6000 towards college tuition at IUPUI in the business or computer area.



*Roselyn DeCastro honored for overcoming obstacles.*

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# HOWE OUT-CALCULATES OPPONENTS

Simone Boehrer

Saturday, March 4 Howe students took part in a city wide math contest at Arsenal Technical.

Selected students were divided in to seven categories. The first category, General Math was won by Ada Hall. Emma Johnson won third place. Other participants were Dylan Perry, Tracy Washington, Tara Myers, Becky Starr, and Brian Stanley. They all helped to receive a team plaque.

Howe was also the winner in the second level, Basic Algebra. David Porter receive an individual prize for the third place. Mike Martin, Dawn Barnd, Sherie Proctor, Stephanie Williams, Chad Hammes, April Farmer, Angie Fitzgerald, and Sheila Gibson were the other members of the team.

The result was even better for the first year Algebra group, Hari Desai and Melody Wilson Received a second and third prize. Steve Phillippo, Ana Roof,

Tammy Shue, Nakiisa Johnson, David Vansell, Tony Spears, Deanna Slayback, Melisa Humphries, and Jason Aleksa helped to receive another plaque for their team.

Howe was second in the Geometry division. Participants were Elizabeth Deeter, Richard Harrell, Jerry Knowles, Roselyn DeCastro, Marc Wilson, Jenny Tides, Idris McGraw, Heather Murdick, Melissa Benton, and Clara Winslow.

Howe was also second in

Algebra 3 & 4. Howe's individual winner was Michael Johnson. Ernest Smith, Jason Cox, Melissa Kates, Jason Davey, Stephanie Labouro, Alicia Patterson, Kathleen Tiernan, Elvis Jones, Angela Judkins, and Steven Phillippo won the team prize for Howe.

Matt Wilson, Denise Slayback, Steven White, Damian Duboulay, Curtis Combs, Stacey Faryna, Andre Williams, Simone Boehrer, Anthony Dean, and Rita Cruz won the first prize for Howe. In the Ad-

vanced Math division, Matt wilson received an engraved medal for first prize.

Howe placed third in the Calculus level. Team members were Melodie Benson, Leslie Meyer, Mike Corey, Mitchell Tandy, Kenneth Todd, Don Parker, Susie King, Anna West, and Darin Orr.

With 14 plaques and 11 medals Howe was the overall winner, and as Howe teacher Ronald Ireland stated: "Howe students really did a great job!"

## Truants Lose License

William Roberts

The House Education Committee recently passed House Bill 1597, which they hope will lead to the return of habitual truants to classes.

The bill that was passed by a vote of 6-4, would let school boards suspend the driving privileges of anyone they deem to be a habitual truant. Each school corporation would formulate it's own definition of habitual truancy and could impose a suspension of 90 days to one year against students' drivers' licenses.

Students who are too young to drive, (ages 13 to 15), could be barred from obtaining their driver's li-

cense until they reach the age of 18, because of habitual truancy. Those punished in this way would be allowed to appeal for a reversal to school administration once a year.

Esther M. Wilson, a grade school teacher and Democrat from Portage, is a sponsor of the bill. She says that police and the Bureau of Motor Vehicles support this proposal.

Since the bill has only passed the House Education Committee, both the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Indiana General Assembly must approve it before it can become law.

## PETITION AGAINST THE TEMPERATURE

Maybe you signed a petition some weeks ago from Warren Dressler, Science teacher, concerning the heating problems at Howe. The reason Dressler wanted to start the petition was to gain support for his com-

plaint about the bad air circulation and heating problems at the school. He plans to present it to the Howe and IPS administration if the situation does not improve. Approximately 600 students have

already signed the list and also wrote down the room number of classrooms with heating and air circulation problems. These classrooms seem to be spread all over the building.

## Modeling Workshops at Library

William Roberts

Area teens can learn to strut their stuff during a series of workshops provided through the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library Branches this month.

The series began March 11, at the Central Library, with a show and workshop entitled "Teen Fashion Trends" presented by L.S.

Ayres and Company.

The remaining six workshops will be conducted by representatives from the John Robert Powers Modeling and Career School. These workshops are scheduled for March 20 at the Shelby Library, 2502 Shelby St. at 6:30 p.m., March 22 at the Warren Library, 9701 E. 21st at 7 p.m., March 27 at the Pike

Library, March 29 at the Lawrence Library, 7898 N. Hague Rd. at 7 p.m., April 3 at the Wayne Library, 198 S. Girls School Rd. at 6:30 p.m., and on April 5 at the Southport Library, 2630 E. Stop 11 Rd. at 7 p.m.

For more information about these workshops call the Central Library at 269-1772.



## "What, No School?"

### School Closing Announcement Delayed

Amy Cook  
Exchange Editor

On Monday March 6, 1989, many I.P.S. students woke up and began to get ready for school. Only after they were dressed and ready to go, did they find out that Indianapolis Public Schools would not be in session because of the winter weather. Some students and teachers had already arrived at school when the announcement was made to close school for the day. Sophomore Tracy Kord said "I was glad, but why is I.P.S. always the last to know?" Wes Hardin, Junior, said "I felt they should have told us earlier. I was already up and ready when I finally found out.

Some faculty members were not upset as Robert Bramblett, who said "I had work to do so I came anyway."

Wayne Kincaid, Assistant Superintendent for Services, for I.P.S. said that there were several reasons why the decision to close was delayed. These reasons included difficulties in trying to get information from other school corporations, trying to assess the bus driver absenteeism situation, and the fact that Dr. Adams was out of town.

Kincaid said that it first appeared that no schools in the Indianapolis area were going to close, according to Kincaid, came at 6:00 a.m. I.P.S. did not officially

close until 6:20 a.m. Which was 20 minutes behind I.P.S.' goal to have the decision made by 6:00 a.m. Kincaid continued, saying, "we hope we don't have to make decisions like that again."

Madora Walker, Vice-Principal at Howe, gave some reasons for the delay as well. According to Walker, school corporations wait on other schools to see who will close. County schools help decide whether city schools close because the weather is usually worse in the suburbs. Another reason Walker gave was that no one wants to have to extend the school year to make up the lost day, similar to what

happened last year.

Many students still felt that the decision should have been made earlier. Junior Deborah Friddle said, "I had already decided I wasn't going to go. But I still think they should have told us around 6:00 a.m. when everybody was getting up." Freshman Brian Stanley said "I just think that the school board should make up their minds sooner to open school or close it." The situation was summed up by Sophomore Deidra Collins who said, "I was angry, but yet so happy."

Teachers also expressed opinions on the decision to close school Monday. Gary Patton, Special Education

teacher said, "I was pleased to know that the school system was concerned with the safety of the students and decided to call off school." English teacher Greg Shelton said, "I just question what the point is of calling off school when the students have to stand out in that kind of weather and be subjected to the traffic problems coming into school anyway. Why call off school if they have already been subjected to that and then have to turn around and go home in it? The decision to close should be made at 5:00 a.m. and then they should stick with it."

## UPON A MATTRESS

Melinda Baker  
News Editor

"Once Upon a Mattress," the musical sponsored by the Music Department will be presented March 17 & 18 at 8 p.m. in the Thomas Stirling Auditorium of Howe. All seating is reserved with tickets priced at \$4.00 each and can be reserved or picked up by calling the Finance Office at 226-3799 or purchased at the box office on performance nights.

The story line of the show is based on the fairy tale "The Princess and the Pea." Main characters include the minstrel, Jimmy Dearth; Wizard Jamaine Walker; Prince Dauntless, Joseph Bramblett; King Sextimus, Scott Schoen; Jester, Eric White; Sir Harry, Matt McBurnie; Princess Number Twelve, Nicole Reedus; Queen Aggravain, Amy Watt; Lady Larken, Melinda Baker; Princess Winnifred, Clara Winslow; and the Nightingale of Samarkand, Rosie Deal.

## STUDENTS SPEAK UP SPEECH CONTEST

Mary Nicewanger  
Feature Editor

The Irvington Optimist Club sponsored a speech contest for the Special Education Department on the evening of February 28. This contest took place at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center, and was covered by Channel 13 television.

Howe students from the Special Education Department spoke on the selected topic "The Best I Can Be". The winners were: first place; Jaime Savage, second place; Paul Wright, and third place; Angela Strong. The other contestants were: Michael Wynne, Adam Marcom, Jinikia Turner, Michael Kirlin, Anthony Powell, John McCloud,

Warren Kinney, Charles Hebble, and Keith Conrad.

The panel of judges was selected from outside of Howe, and included David Meyer from WTUX Radio, Rick Enmire from the mayor's office and Marlene Jackson, former president of the Soroptimist Club.

The students had prepared their speeches approximately six weeks earlier. They practiced their public speaking skills by video taping themselves and reading aloud in class.

Special Education teacher, Lynn Whittemore believes that this will encourage the students to participate in other contests.

## Music Festival

Amy Cook  
Exchange Editor

On March 29 the Choralaires from Howe High School will have the chance to see just how well they stack up against similar choirs from Arlington, Broad Ripple, Manual, Northwest, Tech, and Washington. This All-City Music Festival will take place at Washington High School at 7:30 pm.

Howe's Choralaires will be showing their talent through the following numbers; *An Evening Scene*, *Elijah Rock*, and the theme from *Ice Castles*. All of the groups will be combined on *I Came to be a Dreamer*.

According to Robert Bramblett the All City Music Festival is "the most important thing Choralaires do second semester." All-City Festival gives Bramblett an idea of just where Howe stands musically. It gives everyone an idea of each school's musical intelligence, styles of music, level of vocal ability, and stage presence. According to Bramblett, knowing these things helps when preparing for next year's music and show. Although this is not a competition,

students do judge other groups. Bramblett says that what the Choralaires see will "pleasantly surprise them."

Bramblett believes that the Choralaires will live up to Howe's high musical reputation. He says that "the only school we will be comparable to is Arlington, though we will not be any less than them."

All-City Music Festival also enables people to compare Howe with other schools and other schools with Howe. The following students make up Howe's Choralaires: Tiffani Archey, Pamela Brock, Amy Cook, April Dalton, Melissa Deem, Melinda Depew, Christina Drew, Robynn Gatewood, Tonda Graham, Denessa Harmon, Jeniky Hatton, Mary Hicks, Noel Holmes, Christine House, Dana Huddleston, Melisa Humphries, Tracy Johnson, Teresa Kelley, Tracy Kord, Jennifer Maher, Jacintha Malone, Joyce Malone, Garnet McNeely, Tara Myers, Michelle Orr, Stephanie Phillips, Tasha Pickens, Lisa J. Smith, Jill Steffey, Sheri Tansy, Taunya Weidner, and Melody Wilson.



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## The Other Side Is Censorship the Way of the Future ?

Jessica Byrd  
Opinion Editor

Censorship, what does this word mean? Well, it could mean depriving a child of freedom of expression, or threatening lives of innocent men who only speak their minds. In other words, people are being robbed of their rights provided by our U.S. Constitution.

A recent event which has stirred up a major conflict in the world is the novel *Satanic Verses* by Salman Rushdie. Rushdie's book is about a Persian man who meets a businessman claiming to be God's prophet, and their subsequent encounters.

Since its release, the book has been banned in India, Pakistan, and Saudi Arabia. It has been banned by Moslems in Britain, been the cause of bomb threats in New York City, and has nearly been withdrawn from Britain's largest bookstore chain. All because Rushdie has been threatened with death by Iran. This threat is due to the fact that Rushdie allegedly blasphemed the prophets and the Islamic Bible, the Koran. However in an interview with Newsweek, Rushdie emphasized that very little of the book is actually about the Islamic religion. He stated that *Satanic Verses* is a book about immigrants to Britain, like himself, who feel like hybrids. Rushdie stated that he simply wrote a fictional novel from a plural position rather singular.

The major conflict with this novel is the issue between the Western World's beliefs in free expression, and the Eastern religious beliefs and traditions. This is a major conflict that needs to be resolved. But why should a man be harassed and his life threatened simply because of hemispherical cultural and governmental differences? A man should have a God given right to freedom of expression, a right to speak his opinion, and relate his thoughts and experiences.

There has also been many arguments that the book cites passages from Mahound—a term for the Devil, is full of vivid language, and explicit details. Still, the book has been selling briskly in bookshops all over the world. How can such a "blasphemous" book be so popular? An ironic detail is that the majority of Rushdie's accusers have never actually read the book.

If society wishes to ban Rushdie's book simply because it consists of his personal thoughts, then why not ban Charles Dickens' great classics? Was not *Oliver Twist* and *A Tale of Two Cities* composed of his personal thoughts? Or how about all the autobiographies of great people, are they also not personal perspectives?

Censorship, whether in the United States or any other part of the world is wrong. Another recent censorship uproar was the Supreme Court decision on

January 13, 1988 allowing broader censorship of student publications by school administration.

This decision was the result of the case of Hazelwood School District vs. Kuhlmeir, a dispute over school administration's censorship of two pages of the Hazelwood East, Mo., School newspaper, the *Spectrum*. One of the Supreme Court's major points was that school publications could be censored if they had "no valid educational purpose" for their action.

But, the Supreme Court did not define what exactly constitutes a non-valid educational purpose from a valid one. The court's decision was too vague. The administration can read too much into the decision and get away with it. This vagueness bothered Paul McMasters, chairman of the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi Freedom of Information Committee. In an interview with the Student Press Law Center, McMasters stated, "It will be cafeteria journalism, ... students won't challenge or discuss topics

that are important to them ... for fear of censorship."

The U.S. Constitution guarantees the right to freedom of press, described in the First Amendment. In that amendment, it does not exclude specifically those members of the press who are under eighteen. Therefore, I believe that if the U.S. Constitution thinks that student journalists are equal to professional journalists, then they should be given the same rights by the justice system. (Isn't it the justice system's duty to uphold the Constitution and to make sure society does the same thing?)

A high school journalism class has an objective to prepare students for the "real journalism world." How will this be possible, when students are not allowed to pursue controversial subjects that professionals are allowed to follow? Also, how can the school administration evaluate how the audience will react in advance? It cannot. Not even the staff can evaluate their readers, they can only estimate. Journalists write for the majority of

their readers, which is most commonly the student body, not the administration.

This incident is another one of many, that is making it legal to infringe others' opinions on you. Hazelwood and the *Satanic Verses* incidents will set a standard for other journalists and expressionists to follow. Does society want it's children to only know what a few believe to be acceptable, or does it want it's children to know that society upholds the words and hopes of our forefathers, the words of our U.S. Constitution.

Should the world let a few hypocritical people make our decisions for us? Should our children be banned from speaking their minds? If we, the present generation do not speak up against the "hypocrites" then these incidents could become the dreary future for our children.

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# Abortion: A Matter of Convenience?

Amy Cook  
Exchange Editor

How can anyone write an objective article on such a controversial issue as abortion?

On January 22, 1973 the United States Supreme Court decided to legalize abortion based on the case of *Roe vs. Wade*. Ever since that ruling, abortion has been a heated issue. Everyone has some opinion on whether or not abortion should be legal.

Based on the *Roe vs. Wade* case, first trimester abortions may not be regulated by the state at all, except to require that the abortion be performed by a licensed physician. However, since the risk to the woman increases as her pregnancy continues, the state may regulate second trimester abortion procedures in ways that are reasonably related to maternal health. For example, state regulations may include re-

quirements as to qualifications of the person who is to perform the abortion, such as the licensing of that person, and the facility in which the abortion will be performed.

During the third trimester, the fetus is capable of life outside of the mother's womb. Therefore the state may promote its interest in the potentiality of meaningful life by regulating or prohibiting an abortion, except where it is necessary for the preservation of the life or health of the mother.

According to a pamphlet written by Melody Green, entitled "Children... Things We Throw Away? "non-therapeutic abortion has become the second most common surgical procedure after circumcision." Non-therapeutic means the abortion is not performed for the safety or health of the mother, but because of her desire for the absence

of distress and inconvenience.

At least one-third of the over 1.5 million abortions each year are performed on teens. In one year, 417,000 abortions are performed on girls ages 15 to 19. Statistics also show that in one year 15,000 girls under the age of 15 had legal abortions. At least 97% of those abortions were a matter of convenience because the mother did not wish to carry her pregnancy to term. Upwards of 70% of all abortions are performed on unmarried mothers. Every woman who becomes pregnant will give birth. It is just a matter of whether the baby will be born dead or alive.

Since the 1973 Supreme Court ruling, 22 million lives have been terminated. That is a number equal to the combined population of New York, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island. In many cities, there are more abor-

tions than live births. Eighteen times more lives have been lost to abortion than the amount of lives lost in all our nation's wars.

When performed under proper clinical conditions, first trimester abortions are relatively simple and safe. Complications are more likely to increase with the length of gestation. These complications may include infection, cervical injury, perforation of uterine lining, and hemorrhage. Studies in recent years the patient at less risk than full-term delivery.

The Supreme Court has changed justices and accordingly some of its views since the 1973 decision. Very soon this new court will be reevaluating the decision in the *Roe vs. Wade* case due to an appeal from the Missouri case of *Webster vs. Reproductive Health Service*. If the 1973 decision is over-

turned, abortion will once again be illegal. For the supporters of the pro-life movement, overturning the 1973 ruling would be a major victory. According to the January 23, 1989 issue of *Newsweek*, the Supreme Court could go one of three ways. It can completely reaffirm *Roe vs. Wade* which is unlikely, or possibly *Roe vs. Wade* could be overruled. Or it can change some of the aspects of *Roe vs. Wade*, which is most likely.

But what about the supporters of the pro-choice movement? Should abortion be legal? Should a pregnant woman be able to terminate an unwanted pregnancy? Should a pregnant teen have to consult her parents to be allowed to have an abortion? Some day soon pregnant women may not have a choice. They may have to do what is inconvenient for them or break the law.

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## BACK TO HOWE HORNET HIGHLIGHT

Mary Nicewanger  
Feature Editor

"If you got in a time machine, you would find the school where I went was about half this size, and things were very quiet," says Special Education teacher, Edward Hesse in regard to Howe.

Hesse is one of the handful of teachers at Howe who formally roamed these same halls as students.

In the spring of 1950 Hesse was among the graduates of Howe. Now many of those receiving their diplomas in '89 have known Hesse, not as a classmate but as a teacher.

He never expected to come back to Howe, but claims it happened "just by chance." Hesse taught for six years in Norway, and spent two years in school administration in Bangladesh. Although this is only his second year working on the other side of the desk at Howe, he says he has a "special affection for the school."

Hesse was an English and Social Studies major, with minors in Math and Latin at Howe. He claims that in the four years he was a student here, he never cut a class. Students were much more disciplined and career-oriented so "everyone went to class."

Hesse ran track and cross-country while at Howe. In addition, he was the Concert Master three out of the four years he participated in the Orchestra.

According to Hesse, stu-



**Edward Hesse returned to teach at Howe years after graduating.**

dents were much more conscious socially in 1950. There were various fraternity/sorority type clubs and students who were not involved with these groups were looked down upon. Looking back, Hesse believes that that was not necessarily good.

Yet Hesse says that 1950 was "a very peaceful time in American history." Drug and alcohol problems in high school were almost unknown. Hesse is glad to see many changes occur such as integration of races and the handicapped into Howe. Also Hesse says there is more individual attention for the students.

Hesse's fondest memory of Howe is a simple one. He remembers wistfully, "looking out the windows across the grass at Ellenberger Creek," as many students do today. Hesse says that the students at Howe today are very similar to those in 1950. "Times change and trends change, but people remain basically the same."

Teresa Blazek

"It's not what High School does for you. It's what you do for yourself," says senior Tony Dean who is ranked 8th in his class. Not only is he varsity quarterback, but he is also president of the National Honor Society chapter at Howe.

Dean has been accepted to I.U. where he is planning to major in business, to "make money". He will also try out for the football

team.

After college, Dean says he will probably be working for some kind of business, possibly securities and investments.

Dean says football has been probably the most fun part of his life. Dean feels Howe is the best I.P.S. school there is. He is impressed on how I.P.S. is cracking down on education. He also says, that academics help a person a lot on their college applications.



**Tony Dean, both athlete and scholar.**

## DRUG AWARENESS MONTH

Julie LaFollette

Tisdale Team designated February as Drug Awareness Month. The purpose was to make people aware of the increasing drug and drinking problems among youth. A wrecked sports car was displayed outside Howe's main entrance to stress the consequences of drinking and driving, and the importance of the month's theme, "Staying Alive."

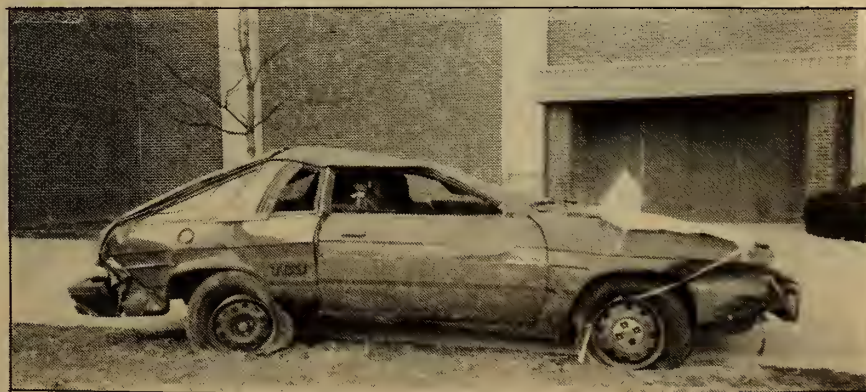
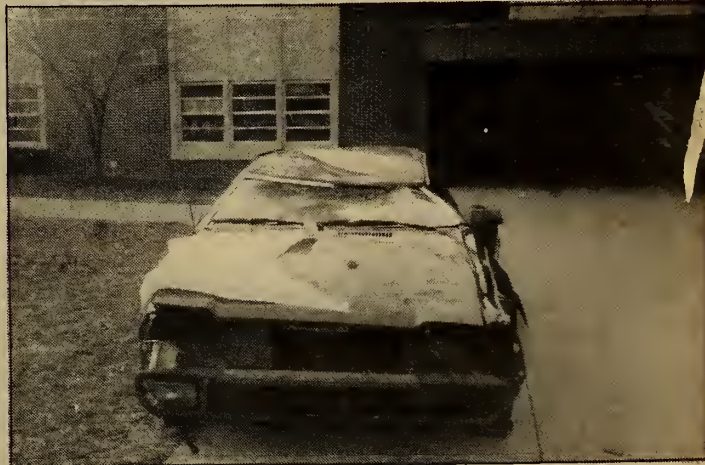
Eileen Dillinger, sponsor, and the Tisdale Team want students to be aware of the drug problem at Howe and understand that drugs are not the answer. Dillinger suggested picking out a goal and working towards it, as a way to keep stu-

dents away from drugs.

Dillinger was questioned about whether using this symbol of the wrecked car would make any difference in students' behavior. She stated that "some" may stop drinking and driving, "but some you'll never get

through to."

The trade of former Pacer and club sponsor Wayman Tisdale has had little effect on the Tisdale Team at Howe. Dillinger said "We will change the name, that's all, but we will still promote the same ideas."



**A wrecked sports car is parked in front of Howe to illustrate the importance of Drug Awareness Month.**

Photo by Amy Cook

## SPIRIT WEEK

Show your school spirit the week before school is out for Spring Break. Student Council is sponsoring "Spirit Week" March 27 through 31. The theme for each day was chosen by

members of the Student Council. The purpose of Spirit Week is to encourage school participation, unity, and spirit among the students.

**MONDAY-MAR. 27-SUN GLASSES DAY**

**TUESDAY-MAR. 28- DRESS-UP DAY**

**WEDNESDAY-MAR. 29- TWIN DAY**

**THURSDAY-MAR. 30- DISNEY DAY**

**FRIDAY-MAR. 31- BEACH DAY**



## FOLLOW THE SUN

William Roberts

As hundreds of thousands of high school and college students head for their idea of the perfect spring break spot, we wonder where are they going? Will they head for the old stand-by Fort Lauderdale, or are more students branching out to Daytona Beach, Orlando, or St. Petersburg Beaches?

Fort Lauderdale is usually considered synonymous with Spring Break, but other places, Daytona Beach especially are spending considerable time and money in promoting Spring Break.

Fort Lauderdale was conceived by its founder Maj. William Lauderdale. It is a three mile stretch of underdeveloped beach opened to the public. All hotels, motels, and shops are kept to the opposite side of Atlantic boulevard.

Daytona Beach with its 18 miles of sand hasn't tried to stop development. Instead Daytona is considered "the world's most unique highway," because for a three dollar entrance fee, cars, motorcycles, trailers, vans, beach buggies, and bikes can travel along the beach at 10mph. Day-

tona is now trying to improve its image of free beer and honky-tonk began in the 1950's, with new hotel/motel development and a 5 million dollar sea side park. Daytona can accommodate a wide variety of visitors in its 16,000 sleeping rooms spread out in 436 hotels and motels, that range anywhere from \$14.95 to \$150 a night.

Other popular spring break spots are Orlando and St. Petersburg. Both Florida spots offer a more relaxed and less crowded atmosphere than the before mentioned beaches.

St. Petersburg Beach is located on Long Key and is only accessible by the St. Petersburg Causeway. Many visitors chose this beach for their vacation because of its swimming, fishing, and the London Wax Museum.

Orlando is more popular for its two famous amusement parks Walt Disney World, and Sea World of Florida.

Where ever you choose for your Spring Break you can contact a travel agent or the American Automobile Association for information to prepare for your trip.

## Coming To America

### GERMAN/AMERICAN SCHOOLS

Simone Boehrer

The German School system is totally different. After fourth grade a student has to decide between three school levels. They differ mainly in the difficulty of courses, years you have to attend and the prestige you earn. The first level is like a junior secondary level. Most who leave at the age of 15 go into vocational training. The second level takes six years. It prepares students for careers in business and administration.

I chose the highest level, the so called "gymnasium." Students have to attend for thirteen (yes, 13) years and have to meet many requirements. It's described as a school that provides "basic knowledge," but actually it gives you much more, from physics and chemistry to latin and sports.

After eleven years of school you can change your courses for the remaining two years. But again your choices are very limited. These last two years prepare you for the final tests.

One major difference between the school systems in Germany and America is

that in Germany you stay with the same people in the same class all day. You don't have to run from one class to the next like a maniac. You stay in your seat and the teacher comes to you. Students feel more unity and closeness with each other. This is understandable, because when you are together every day you get to know the good and bad sides of people.

Each class also does more together. It is a requirement for seventh and eighth graders to go on a ski trip. In tenth grade we had a "creative weekend." We were locked up in a two hundred year old castle, where we painted, sculpted, and made music. In eleventh grade the classes usually travel to Berlin, (but my class did not because of "immature behavior.")

Then in twelfth grade we go on the "graduation-trip". It is about eight long days, and the students pick their destination. Usually Russia is a very popular choice, (most people already know every place on the beaches of Italy and Spain anyway.) But this year my ex-class is thinking about flying to the Central Sahara Desert.

My school in Germany has about 380 students so the teachers get to know everyone a lot better, which is not necessarily an advantage.

But don't get the impression that this is the school in Pink Floyd's "The Wall." The opposite is true. Something the Americans kids consider very "sharp" is when I explain how we handle attendance in Bavaria (where I go to school).

At the beginning of the year the students in each class elect someone to be in charge of their "class book." During the year that student has to write down the names of those who were absent. Normally your parents must write you an excuse for each of your absences. But if the class-book keeper is your friend you can ask them to "forget" about signing you in, or you can bribe them.

Unfortunately, some people get cocky. I remember when my friends and I cut and went to a nice little cafe, just because we were not in the mood to take a "stupid Latin test"; when one of our teachers came in. What a surprise!

## Freshman Follies





# Senior Athletes Honored

## Howe Honors Winter Sports.

Tom Warren

On February 25, before the varsity basketball game, seniors who played winter sports and their parents were honored. The sports recognized included girls' and boys' basketball, wrestling, cheerleading, and

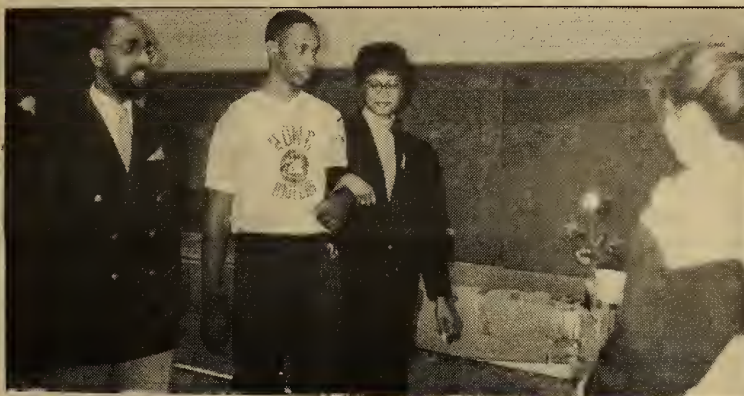
Matmaids. A reception for the seniors and their parents took place after the ceremonies which occurred during halftime of the last basketball game of the season against Warren Central High School. Approximately 30 seniors and their parents attended.



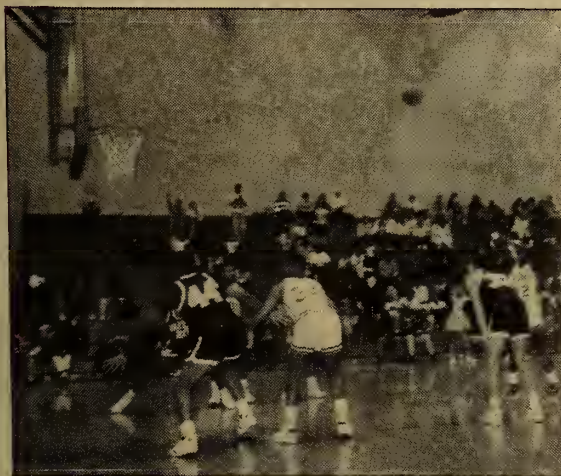
Stephanie Moore honored for her participation in Mat Maids. Photo by Amy Cook



Dawn Thompson, escorted by her father, Physical Education teacher James Thompson, is honored for basketball. Photo by Amy Cook



Darrin Orr is honored for his performance on the Howe basketball team. Photo by Amy Cook



Tension mounts as Andre Smith makes shot from free-throw line during Warren Central game. Photo by Amy Cook



Fred McGee, number 44, makes jumpshot in Warren Central game on February 25. Photo by Amy Cook



# Hornets Fail in Sectional Quest

Bonnie Bullens  
Sports Editor

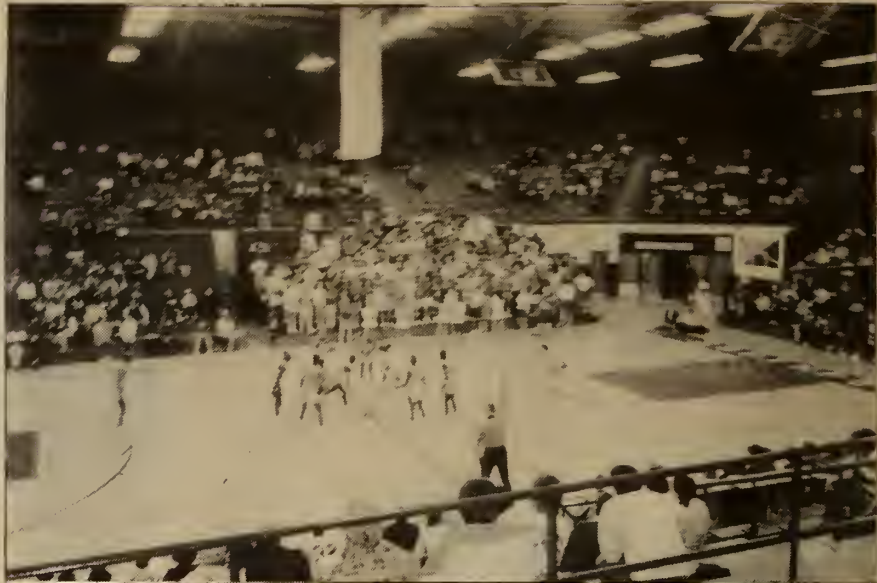
Four minutes until 8:00 p.m., and the boys' varsity team it still warming up. Finally tip-off time, and the two players jump and catch the ball for Howe. By the end of the first quarter, Southport leads Howe 14 to 11.

Southport was rebounding constantly and their free throw shooting was on target. Player, Demetrius McGee lead Howe with 23 points and made all seven of his free throws. Although Andre Smith missed a drive, he had 12 points followed by Rodney White with 10 points. Unfortunately,

Southport's consistent rebounding and on target free throws were too much for the Hornets.

With five minutes left to go Thomas Allen brought the score up to 52-51 trying to close Southport's lead. The Hornets, still trying to upset Southport's 17-5 record, ended the game with a slam dunk by Rodney White bringing the final score to 69-63.

Southport continued in the sectional contest by defeating Decatur Central 73-57 on March 3. And on March 4 Manual suffered a defeat by Southport; 66-54, although Southport was stopped short in the Regionals by Lawrence North.



Howe prepares to tip-off against Southport in the sectional game.  
Photo by James Langley

## Howe Steps Up To The Plate

Sports Staff

Howe's first varsity baseball game will be played on Monday April 10, at Scecina. The Junior Varsity (J.V.) team will battle Scecina at home on the same day. Admission to the game is free, yet Coach Basil Woodfork complains that attendance has "always been very low," and he would like to see more support from the student body.

Varsity and Junior Varsity rosters are not final yet, and players will be announced later this month, according to Coach Basil Woodfork. He has a pretty good idea of who his players will be. There are eight returning lettermen that will probably be playing

varsity again. The Assistant Varsity Coach is Special Education teacher Steve Reinhart, and the J.V. and Freshman Coach is Physical Education teacher Tom Renie. The team practices daily for two hours at a time.

Woodfork says that he prefers to forget last years' poor season, and he promises that this year, "we'll have a much better win/loss record."

According to Woodfork the teams' specific goal is to improve their batting average, and work on more consistent pitching. "One of the things we would like to do is be able to beat the I.P.S teams and win some of the township matches." But he admits that, "We've got a long way to go."

## Softball Update

Lisa Monroe

Chuck Page, girls varsity softball coach, has been busy getting the girls in shape for the upcoming season. The girls have been practicing Monday through Thursday after school from

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. since February 13.

Stretching and running are the major exercises as well as conditioning drills to get them ready for the first game on April 10.

All the exercises and running has not discour-

aged the girls' attitudes toward softball. "They show enthusiasm even on running drills," says Page.

He will announce the tryout results on March 9, only 14 of the 32 girls who tried out will make the team.



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**HORNETS**

*James Hunter*

## Tardy Policy

Melinda Baker  
News Editor

A new policy effective January 23, allows the school administration to require students to serve conferences and even suspensions for their tardiness to class.

This new policy was founded due to the emphasis placed on students to "be on time" to classes each day. According to Principal Frank Tout, "Tardies are better being solved the way we are doing it."

Tout stated that this step is one of many that I.P.S. has tried in 40 some years that the tardy policy has been in existence and hopes this will be the last.

The new system provides better documentation of when and why students are tardy and ensures that more parents are informed of their child's tardiness

which leads to conferences and suspension if those conferences are not served.

Students are to sign a tardy sheet when entering late into a class room. They put the time and reason. Teachers then send the lists to Ms. Valentine, so a complete list of those students who need to serve conferences can be made up.

Tout does not know if the policy is doing what he wants it to do. He hopes that the tardy sheets emphasize the point of punctuality and each student catches on that the school is here to teach discipline and to make sure that each and every student knows that promptness is crucial.

There are many reasons for tardiness, none of which teachers consider good reasons. Or reason enough to miss out on the first few minutes of class.

"It's a sign of times," stated Tout. Along with the many teachers, he also believes school has a lack of importance with students and they need to get their priorities straight.

Many teachers say that students don't try to get to class on time. Tout believes they may not think they have a reason to be prompt. Many students say that nothing goes on the first 10 minutes of class time so it doesn't hurt to be late. "That's not the point," said Tout. It doesn't matter if the teachers not there. We need discipline and responsibility in students."

Many students will disagree with the previous statements. They feel that because of the changing times. Parents "just don't crackdown anymore" stated Senior Bill Roberts, "Parents don't push students

hard enough," he said. Tout agreed that parents want their kids disciplined but nothing that will hurt them. Tout says, "No pain, no gain."

Tout stated that students feel that teachers are against them. Many students believe that teachers are taking the tardy sheet too far. "The second you walk in the room the bell rings and the teacher makes you sign the tardy sheet." "If we're in the room we're not tardy," stated Junior Jaineen Brown.

Teachers find it hard to adjust to students attitudes about school and all their other responsibilities. Back when most teachers went to school, everyone not only went to school each day, but was there on time. Teachers along with other adults have a hard time dealing with those students

who have habitual tardies because they expect responsibility, discipline, and better attitudes.

Tout believes that by implementing this policy, students will start coming to school on time and getting to classes on time, because they don't have alot of time to serve conferences before and after school.

Tout believes that in order to make the policy effective, the school has to take this business with tardies as far as it will go. According to Tout "being in your seat when the bell rings is discipline" and teachers are enforcing that with students. They want their students to be able to go out and get jobs and not lose them because of tardiness. "Most employers will not stand for that" stated Tout "You will be fired for coming in late."

## Briefly Speaking

### Starlight, Star Bright

Melinda Baker  
News Editor

The Howe Varsity Singers have been selected to perform in the 25th Anniversary celebration of Starlight Musicals on June 3 at 7:30p.m., at the Hilton U. Brown Theatron.

The group was not the only I.P.S. school to audition for the celebration, but was the only I.P.S. group chosen.

The Varsity Singers will present songs from the mu-

sical *Showboat* which was selected by Starlight Musicals.

Sophomore Matt McBurnie stated that this will be the most exciting event that has taken place in the musical theatre for him. Senior Scott Schoen agreed, "This is the most exciting event for our choir." "Although we are not used to performed for a large audience we are sure to do an excellent job," stated Junior Amy Watt.

### Care and Beauty

A program on Basic Skin Care will be featured at Flanner House Library, 2424 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St., on April 25 from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

A professional beauty consultant, Melma Murray will demonstrate basic skin care and glamour techniques for young people. Due to the increasing popularity of men's skin care products this program

hopes to appeal to young men as well as young women. There will be audience participation and a section dealing with cosmetics.

Although the program is of no cost, registration is required. The audience will be limited to 20 participants. So early registration is advised. For more information or registration call 269-1869.

### Volunteer

Interested in nursing or helping others? The Indianapolis Area Chapter of the American Red Cross is hosting a summer youth volunteer placement program for all students interested.

This program will give young people, between age 13-18, an opportunity to work in hospitals, day care centers, nursing homes, and facilities for the physically and emotionally handicapped, as well as the Red Cross.

For further information call 634-1441.



## SENIORS OUT OF LUCK

Mary Nicewanger  
Feature Editor

Juniors looking ahead to their senior year may find their final year different from what they expected.

Those who have earned most of their credits and planned to attend only a

half-day of school will no longer be able to leave. The Indiana State Legislature has passed a law to keep seniors in school all day, regardless of accumulated credits.

According to guidance counselor, Priscilla Repass, the State Legislature felt they needed to pass this law because of Indiana's

low test scores, and additional exposure would heighten them. The law is currently in effect. Only this year the seniors had to apply for certain waivers to get around this new law.

One reason many students left school early was financial needs. Repass said in those particular cases, "I would rather have

a student at work than in classes that they didn't need."

This law does not affect the special job programs going on at school, such as C.O.E. (Cooperative Education), M.E. (Marketing Education), I.C.T., and P.V.E. As a matter of fact Repass believes that now since the law has been passed,

"there will be a huge number of kids going into the work programs."

Another effect Repass predicts is that more students will "graduate early, which I think is very sad. Senior year ought to be a great year, it ought to be a really great rap up to twelve years of school."

## Howe Harmonizes

### Choir Sings Out

Amy Cook  
Exchange Editor

On April 26 at 7:30 p.m. the Howe Varsity Singers will perform in the All-City Festival for show choirs at Northwest. The group includes Corey Andrews, Melinda Baker, Schonda Boyd, Joseph Bramblett, Jaineen Brown, Chad Burris, Rosemary Deal, Michelle Humphries, Matt McBurnie, Waymon Miles, Jeff Porter, Scott Schoen, Rennee Smith, Jamaine Walker, Amy Watt, and Kristin Woodard.

They will perform a ten minute portion of their 40 minute show. Some of the

numbers include: Movin' Right Along, New York City Rhythm, Shenandoah, Cartoons, A Beach Boys selection, and the Indiana University Fight song which leads into a spoken rap called "Basketball." The show ends with Back Home Again in Indiana and America.

Director Robert Bramblett believes that his choir will be the beat entertaining group there.

"Due to the hard work put in by our accompanist, Lynn Morgan and director, we been able to entertain audiences and feel good about ourselves," stated Senior Melinda Baker.

### Choir Visits Tech

Amy Cook  
Exchange Editor

On Wednesday April 12, Howe's Concert Choir performed at the All-City Choir Festival at Arsenal Technical High School. This year All-City took place in a somewhat different format from previous years. In the past, there was an evening concert for the benefit of parents, how-

ever, this year the Festival took place during the day with only students and directors in attendance.

Other participating schools included Arsenal Technical, Arlington, Broad Ripple, Emmerich Manual, George Washington and Northwest High Schools.

Students were asked to evaluate each group according to the categories used for judging the state con-

test. After each performance, the individual groups had a short session with Dr. Michael Shasberger, a guest clinician from Butler University. Shasberger complimented and critiqued each group to help them discover different techniques for improving their performance at the state contest which occurs later this month on April 22.

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## The Other Side

### HI HO HI HO IT'S OFF TO WORK I GO

Jessica Byrd  
Opinion Editor

Summer's almost here, and we all know that it's in with summer and out with school. But what can you do with all the time on your hands? You could sleep late, laze around a pool, or take a vacation.

But why just have fun? Why not get a summer job? You could make money, meet new people, and (heaven forbid) learn some responsibility. Plus, you never know when some fun might creep up in your job. Well, here's a few tips in case you do consider this alternative to good times.

### Application

Well the first part to any job is filling out an application. Hopefully, the general information such as your name, address, etc., is simple (if not then maybe you were born to soak up the sun). But such things as your educational background or references are sometimes hard to remember. Although asking for a phone book is a bit in bad taste, a fact sheet is a good item to bring along. On this sheet you can list all the names and addresses you need to have handy.

Another hard area on an application are the questions you must answer.

There are certain questions that can make or break you, so you must know how to answer them correctly. For example, approximate wage desired? Now if you are applying for a job at McDonald's, you cannot put down that you desire \$10.00 an hour starting pay. The only thing you will receive a huge laugh, not a job. Be reasonable, and if you cannot decide on an appropriate wage, leave it blank. Nothing is better than stupidity.

Another hard question is: "Have you ever been convicted of a felony?" Now a felony is not a parking ticket or cutting school (although parents and teachers may act like it is). A felony is murder or theft etc.

After you have filled out the application you, of course, turn it in. But by all means don't believe the phrase, "Don't call us we'll call you." Be persistent. If you want the job, go after it. Believe me, they will never call you and if you want the job, you will have to call them.

### Interview

Finally after weeks of worry, you receive "the call." Your interview is in two days, and have a lot to prepare. What are you going to wear, how are you supposed to act?

Your dress depends en-

tirely on the type of job you are applying for. If it's a fast food restaurant, casual clothes are fine. But if it's in an office, a nice skirt outfit or pants suit will do. Show you care about the job. Your blue jean jacket, T-shirt, holey jeans, and your high tops will not be very impressive. And guys usually no matter where you work, earrings do not make the man as a good first impression. Although your girlfriend may think it looks "too cool", I don't think your interviewer will share her sentiments.

Your behavior and how you carry yourself is also very important. Little things such as when you should be seated, a hand shake, and eye contact can make or break you. You should never come right in and help yourself to a seat, always wait to be offered.

And always offer your hand. It really impresses the interviewer. Next is eye contact. This is really important, but as you don't want to stare a hole through him/her, you also do not want to stare at the floor. Occasional eye contact is best. Look at the interviewer when he asks you a question or when you want to emphasize your answer.

Just like the application the interview has hard questions. The worst off all is: "Tell me a little about yourself." Well this should be easy, you think. But au-

contraire. He doesn't want to know what you had for lunch, or how much you love teddy bears. He/she wants to know your qualifications, past job experience, grades, anything that would make you better for the job than, let's say Joe Smoe.

### First Day

Then comes your dreaded first day. You must get dressed in your grotesque uniform (whoever thinks green and pink matches, needs their heads examined), and meet all these strange new faces. You slowly walk into the building, and all those strange eyes are upon you. Suddenly a figure walks up to you and says, "Hi! My name is Fred, and I'm one of your managers. It is nice to have you as a part of 'our' family." You think to yourself, "is this guy for real?" You shed your outdoor attire and head for the time clock. You put on your name tag, and push your card in the machine, and pull it out. Well that wasn't so hard, so far so good. But the worst is yet to come. That same goofball of a manager walks up to you, followed by another strange guy who is supposed to train you. This guy just looks like he stepped out from planet Mars, you think to yourself, I could train him.

Well anyway he shows you the stockroom and your main work area. And then he begins to rattle off a bunch of statistics and names and starts to randomly point to items. "Wait a minute, slow down," you say. "What's the matter, can't you keep up. What are you a baby?" he says. You ignore this remark, for the time being anyway. After about an hour of his rambling on, you finally get to show your stuff. You think you are doing pretty good, but everytime you move he shouts, "No that's wrong, stop you idiot!" Then everyone starts to watch you and they all start to laugh, and you think to yourself "maybe I should have stayed in bed." But you don't give up easily. So you concentrate and begin to work again. This time the geek Fred comes up to you and compliments you. He makes your day. Then other co-workers start to make conversation and introduce themselves. Suddenly you feel accepted, and you begin to like your job. Well, maybe I wasn't born to soak up the sun, you think, at least not during the week. But wait until the weekend comes.

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# UNSUNG HEROES

## CAFETERIA WORKERS

### Keeping Us Fed

Mary Nicewanger  
Feature Editor

"It's not just cooking," stated Willma de Calonne, the Head Cook of Howe's cafeteria. The room full of eager staff workers explained all at once, their difficult task of keeping Howe's kitchen spotless, overwhelming the listener.

Originally from Holland; de Calonne is one of the handful of foreign-born employees working behind the counters. "Cookie maker" Silvna Ferri was born in Rome and has spent 17 of her 30 years in America at Howe. Maria Perin is also from Italy and has spent 25 years in America.

Everyone in the cafeteria

seems very close. Ferri says that her friends in the kitchen, "help me with my English." Beverly Partlet who's been working as a secretary in the cafeteria office since 1977, says she will sometimes lend a hand in the kitchen because, "everyone sticks together."

#### "It's not just cooking."

Betty Bruno graduated with Howe's first graduating class in 1942. She has been back at Howe baking bread for 14 years. During her four years as a Howe student, Bruno worked in the kitchen with other students. At that time, cafete-

ria workers had a student help system with many students working in the kitchen. There was a closer relationship between the cafeteria workers and many of the students then. Regrettably, the kitchen staff agreed that the closeness does not exist now.

Bruno says in 1942, Howe was a very different place. There were only 400 students attending Howe. Cafeteria prices were very different, as you could purchase a half of a sandwich for three cents, and individual servings were only a nickel.

Now when describing Howe, Bruno says "It's noisy. We didn't have as

many fights, I don't think we even had fights."

Lois Slayton, Kitchen Manager, explained why most of the kitchen help came to Howe "Everyone has been here a long time. A lot of us came to work here because we had students here," said Slayton. She went on to explain that most had planned to leave when their children graduated, but enjoyed it too much to quit.

"It's really important to please the kids," said de Calonne as she described the most important aspect of her work.

Ferri talked about how anxious everyone is to do their best she said she of-

ten asks herself, "can I please everyone today?"

Bruno put it in terms of the students, "if you aren't getting good food, you don't enjoy it here."

Everyone seems to think very highly of each other. "I work with wonderful people. They are super," said Ferri.



deCalonne prepares lunch.

## CUSTODIANS

### Cleaning Up Howe

Have you ever thought about why the school looks like it does? There are many factors, a major one is the custodians. They do a lot of things that we do not see, or even think about. Where did that candy wrapper go after you dropped it in the hallway? Probably Peggy Mikecell, or one of the other custodians picked it up after you.

There are 16 custodians at Howe, six during the day and ten in the evening. The "boss" is Roger Jones, he is the head custodian. Jones has worked at Howe for four years. Jones is the

person who assigns schedules to the other custodians.

They all say that the school has changed. Mikecell says that every year vandalism gets worse, more permanent and frequent than before. Jones agrees, he says that their has never been so much spray paint vandalism, things kicked around, or windows busted. Mikecell says that she doesn't mind doing her job, but kids should take more pride in their school.

The main concern of the custodians is to keep the

school clean, inside and outside. They clean the restrooms, hallways, classrooms, etc. They keep the yard, the football and baseball fields in shape. They mow the lawn, pick up trash and keep Howe looking good. One complaint they have is that sometimes they don't get enough supplies from Buildings and Grounds, for doing their jobs.

Most of the custodians agree on the things that make them happy: Mikecell says, "good kids and teachers who care about them." Jones also says that, "when

it is a break and we can clean up the school, makes me feel good."

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Member of Custodial Staff



# UNSUNG HEROES

## OFFICE WORKERS

### From the Heart of Howe

Amy Cook  
Exchange Editor

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Sandra Wiseman is the registrar at Howe. She enrolls new students and maintains records on classes and grades for past and present students. Wiseman says she does not have much contact with students, "But what I do have I enjoy."

Frances Valentine has been working at Howe since December 1967. The most important part of Val-

entine's job is to see to it that teachers are in their classes, and if they are not to get someone in there. Her additional responsibility includes being the principals secretary. Valentine says she enjoys the people she works with and her job.

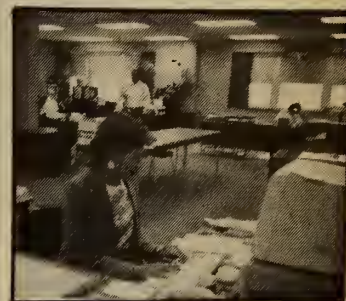
**"There is a vast difference between grade school and high school students."**

Barbara Jones, a paraprofessional, not only answers phones in the office, but supervises some study hall classes. Jones has worked with elemen-

tary students too, but she says, "There is a vast difference between grade school and high school students." She feels that the most important part of her job is to give students a positive outlook, change their attitudes, and to show them that people do care

and want to help them.

All of the office workers believe they contribute to the overall goals of Howe by helping students learn.



## SECURITY GUARDS

### Hall Patrol

"We're just trying to keep peace," says Howe Security Guard, Joe Semon. Although Semon has only worked at Howe for one and a half years he really enjoys his job.

Philip Greenwood, also an I.P.S. Police Security Guard, is beginning on his seventh year at Howe.

Semon and Greenwood went through hours of training at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy to become I.P.S. Police Security guards. Before that, Semon was on temporary assignment at Broad Ripple, and Greenwood worked at Emmerich Manual for five and a half years.

wanted to work more in the field of teenagers." Greenwood stated, "After being in the service for 21 years and retiring from that I had the opportunity to work in I.P.S. Police Security.

Semon and Greenwood describe their days as being busy, but fun. Throughout the day they perform such tasks as directing students on and off buses, helping students, and faculty with information, checking passes, and look for outsiders.

Semon and Greenwood really enjoy their job and know that they are helping the community. Semon and Greenwood would like to

**"We're just trying to keep peace."**

When asked why they wanted to become I.P.S. Police Security guards Semon stated, "After being a police officer on the street for four years I

tell students that "as you are coming along; don't give up, if you are making good grades; keep it up. If your grades aren't so good, get help. That's what we're here for."

What is it like coming to Howe with other students, but knowing you are different as one of the few handicapped students?

Handicapped students sometimes feel as if they are not treated as normal teenagers, but feel that this is due to a lack of understanding of a handicapped person. Often people are judged by their physical appearance, not as a person. Since we have physical handicaps, students seem reluctant to approach us. This is because we appear different on the outside.

**"Don't look down on them, look at them as equals, because they are."**

Most handicapped students feel the hardest part of being handicapped is being accepted and making friends. "The hardest part of being handicapped is trying to get accepted. Usually people you run into are not used to being around the handicapped. I think that is the most difficult part ... being accepted

## HANDICAP

and trying to get people to look at you as a regular person, like you don't have a contagious disease," stated Roselyn DeCastro.

The handicapped students know they are equal to the others, but some feel they are not always recognized as regular students, by students and the staff. Savage thinks the teachers are sometimes less demanding of handicapped students, and they seem to show favoritism. Savage believes that the same rules should apply to everyone.

One major misconception is the assumption that if

age.

When asked if they thought their handicaps would set them back in life, Savage stated, "only if I'm a fool and let it!", and Jinikia Turner answers, "the handicap will not set you back, unless you want it to set you back."

DeCastro's words expressed the feelings of all handicapped students when she said, "Treat them like everyone else. Don't set them aside, don't leave them behind. Count them as everyone else. And don't look down on them, look at them as equals, because they are."



Roselyn  
DeCastro



## HORNET HIGHLIGHT

Amy Cook  
Exchange Editor

Golf team, Student Council, and Senior Class Officer are just a few of the activities that Amy Hornback participates in. She also participates in the Academic Club, National Honor Society and teaches French to elementary school students at School #57.

Hornback made it her goal her freshman year to be the valedictorian of her graduating class. She has achieved this goal and is very happy about it.

Another position of leadership which Hornback has achieved is Student Council President. She says that there is a lot of work and responsibility in being Student Council President. However, Hornback says that student council brings her a great sense of fulfillment.

Another motivation for Hornback to become involved in a lot of activities was that she was hoping to overcome her shyness.

Hornback is currently taking International Relations, Applied Economics, French, and her favorite class, AP English with her favorite teacher, Patricia Friedly.

Hornback applied to four universities and is waiting to see which school offers the best financial aid but she hopes to attend Indiana University.

Hornback plans to major in French and English and hopes to become a high school teacher.

Hornback's decision to join student council came her freshman year. She had heard about it, and decided to fill out a petition to get in and she did. This later led to Hornback's two consecutive years as Student Council President.



**Amy Hornback, Student Council President.**

Hornback has also participated on the TOWER staff. Her freshman year she was a reporter and her sophomore and junior years she was feature editor. Now she is as she says the "occasional proofreader." She claims that she enjoyed being feature editor but it took up so much of her time that she had to give it up.

Amy Hornback also had the privilege of being involved in the Indiana University Honors Program's trip to France last summer. This was a dream come true for Hornback who had always wanted to go to France. She said that there was a scary side to all of the excitement. Being thousands of miles from home, in a strange country, with a family she didn't know and that did not speak English, Hornback said was a very scary thought. But she also said it turned out very well and she would recommend the I.U. Honors Program to anyone interested in "becoming totally immersed in another culture."

Amy Hornback's advice to Howe students is simple. "Become as involved as possible."

## COMING TO AMERICA

Simone Boehrer  
Foreign Correspondent

"America is great!" says Marion Schiffelmann, one of six girls who visited Howe High School for two weeks.

Having other Germans here gave me a chance to speak German and to exchange opinions. We talked mainly about every day life in America and Germany.

The image Germans have of America is mainly based on movies from the United States and it is really surprising how much of it is true.

The atmosphere in American schools is different. Students in Germany are

treated more like adults. They take a lot more responsibility for themselves, which means that students are under a lot more pressure.

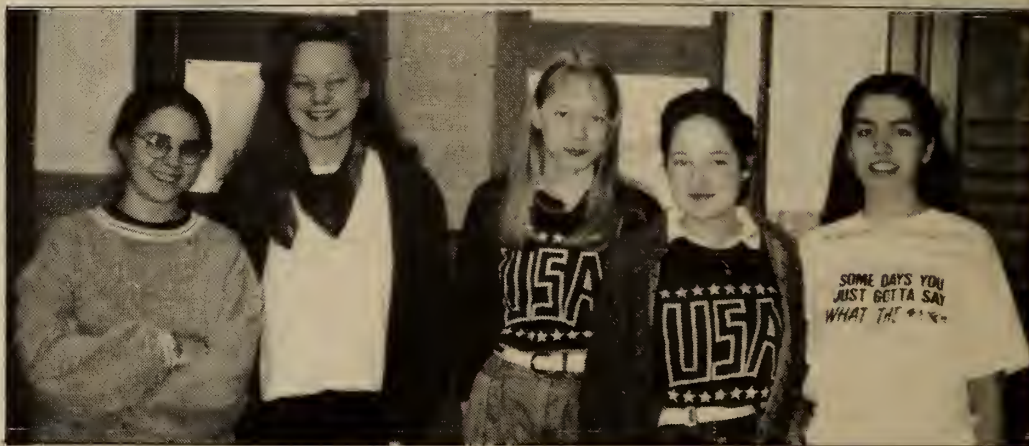
Every student tries to build up a good image, for example you don't come to school looking like you are going to the beach. The American school system makes it easy on students who want to get through school easily. Maybe that's the reason why one out of seven students don't know how to read and write.

In Germany, many teachers think: "If you can't get adjusted, you are in the wrong place here!" Most German teachers show a lot

more authority.

"The teacher-student relationship seems to be better in America," says Marion Schiffelmann. Schiffelmann also stated "Some of the cliches we have in Germany about Americans are really true. Most Americans are very helpful and open-minded and they do like junk food! It is really very easy to meet people, but good friendships take time."

When asked if she would like to stay here for a year, Schiffelmann replied "I would think about that for a very long time! I think that I wouldn't have the courage. I just would miss my family and friends too much!"



**Howe was visited for three weeks by six German exchange students. Bernadette Ammon, Marion Schiffelmann, Claudia Vianden, Andrea Esser, and Elif Dikkaya. (Ursula Durben is not pictured.)**

## GOODBYE TO HOWE

Mary Nicewanger  
Feature Editor

Doris Duncan, Art Department head, will be retiring this year after 43 years of teaching, yet she claims she is only "twelve years old."

Duncan has been teaching at Howe since 1971, and has formed many opinions in that time. She says that one thing she likes about the staff and students at Howe is that "people do need each other."

Duncan claims that she's

not only proud of the Art Department, but of Howe in general.

"The quality of students work seems to have changed. You have to hammer away at them a little more," said Duncan. She believes that too many students have an "I don't care" attitude. She thinks that Howe needs more student leaders.

Now that Duncan is leaving teaching she looks back assured that she "Must've liked it, or I wouldn't have been in it so long."



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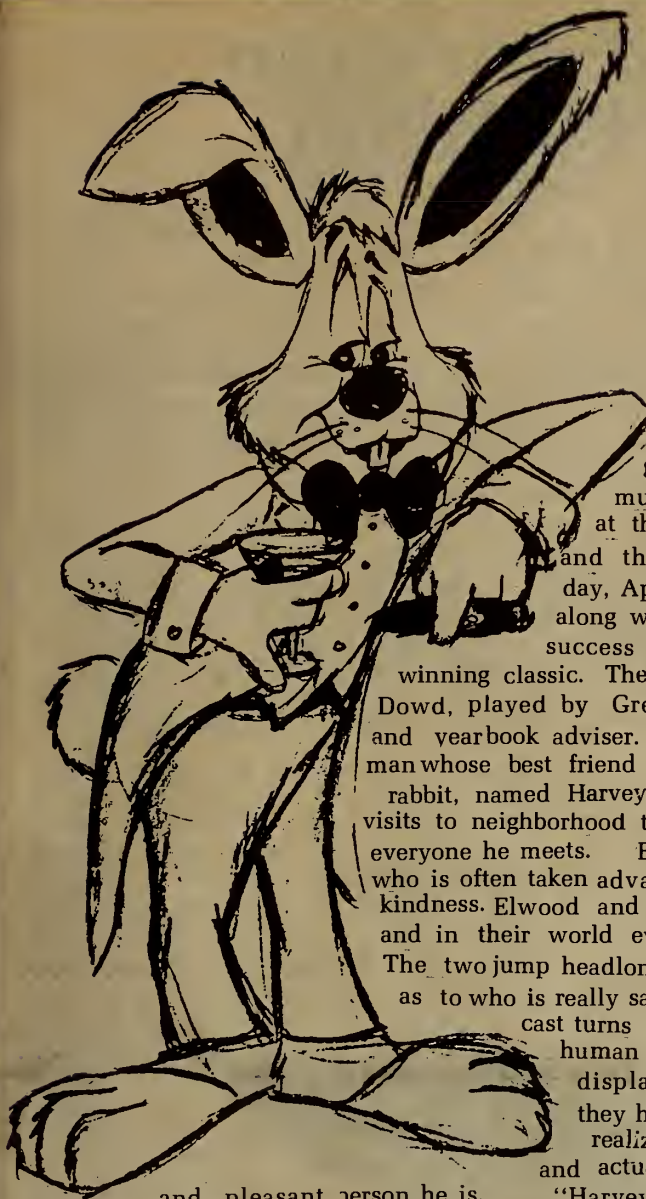
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## HARVEY

### The Invisible Rabbit

Melinda Baker  
News Editor



If you have been waiting to see a good comedy, then "Harvey" is a must see. "Harvey" has been playing at the Civic Theatre since April 7th, and the final showing will be on Sunday, April 23. Highly competent acting, along with a hilarious plot comprise success formula for this Pulitzer Prize winning classic. The story centers around Elwood P. Dowd, played by Greg Shelton, Howe English teacher and yearbook adviser. His character is a middle aged man whose best friend is a 6-foot tall, invisible, white rabbit, named Harvey. His lifestyle features regular visits to neighborhood taverns, and introducing Harvey to everyone he meets. Elwood is portrayed as a dreamer who is often taken advantage of due to his great human kindness. Elwood and Harvey are the best of friends, and in their world everyone is a potential friend. The two jump headlong into confusing the whole cast as to who is really sane and who is not. The supporting cast turns in a fantastic, funny, and very human performance. The emotions displayed range from the concern they have for Elwood's sanity, to the realization that his dream is harmless and actually it helps him to be the happy

and pleasant person he is.

"Harvey," the three-act comedy by Mary Chase, is an excellent break from the slasher, and teen-romance movies.

This live theatrical production is really worth seeing, and even though the original film "Harvey," with James Stewart, would be rated "G" at the movies, your time in the theatre will be well spent.



## WELCOME BACK STEWART



David Stewart has spent over half his life at Howe.

## "SAY ANYTHING"

Mary Nicewanger  
Feature Editor

On April 6th the movie "Say Anything" premiered in Indianapolis.

The movie stars John Cusak as the off-beat Lloyd, and new-comer Iona Skye as the sheltered Diane.

Skye's character is an over-achiever, her class's valedictorian, who has won a fellowship to England. While at the same time Cusak plays her complete opposite. His only definite

plans for the future are to spend as much time with Diane as possible, because he claims he's "good at it."

Their romance seems very unlikely, especially to Skye's father, whom she is incredibly close to. His importance in her life is a major conflict in her and Cusak's relationship.

This movie will keep you laughing, it is full of amusing dialogues and witty commentaries on life. It is still playing at the theaters and is definitely worth seeing.

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Mary Nicewanger  
Feature Editor

Yet again we will pry into the past of one of our current teachers only to find a former Howe student. David Stewart, Social Studies teacher and soccer coach, received his diploma from Howe in 1956.

Stewart knows these halls well, he attended Howe all four years and then returned after college and two years of teaching in southern Indiana. With 27 years at Howe as a teacher alone, it seems Stewart has spent most of his life within these walls.

During his student years Stewart was an all-around athlete. He ran track, played both football and

was on the basketball, and was on the baseball team. He says the Physical Education Department has improved in the years he's been here.

Stewart believes that in comparison to the "social minded" students in his time now we are "more materialistic," Stewart assumes that in no way does he mean that as a criticism, but only as an observation.

Stewart says that students generally seem to have the same concerns now as in 1956. "Things go in cycles. Today's teenagers, in many ways are similar to the 50's teenagers."



# HOWE HOBBIES

Sports Staff

Howe's sports are not confined strictly to football, basketball, and track. As a matter of fact they aren't confined to only school sponsoring activities. Many students spend their free time pursuing a range of hobbies.

One of these hobbies is aviation.

Allie Bruveris and Reuben Nixon feel "as free as birds," when they are flying. Bruveris took flying lessons for six months with a family friend, and believes she enhanced her capabilities more than if she would have enrolled in flying school.

Nixon started flying at about age eight. Nixon flew

with his uncle, in his plane. Nixon also took lessons when he was eleven at Mt. Comfort Airport.

Bruveris plans to be a jet pilot and join the military. While to Nixon, flying is just a hobby. Watching the Blue Angels and the Thunderbirds got Bruveris interested in flying and Nixon's uncle sparked his interest.

Bruveris feels that older pilots didn't take her seriously when she was starting out. They said it was a passing phase, however they have seen her seriousness and are treating her better. Nixon had no problems getting accepted. They both enjoy their "sport."

Another popular hobby is skateboarding.

Skateboarding has been

around for a long time but it has only recently gained its popularity and found its own "culture."

Skateboarding requires "good balance and coordination" according to Howe student Stephen Hooker. The one thing most serious skaters are working toward is getting sponsored in skateboarding competitions believes Dave Holt. He says they give you "free boards and free clothes" but it takes a lot of talent.

Students have many different reasons for getting into this unusual activity. Jerry Hurst claims his main reason was because, "it was something to do. I'm bored." While Holt says he enjoys skateboarding, "cause it's a lot like surfing."

# More Than Putt-Putt

Johan Hedlund

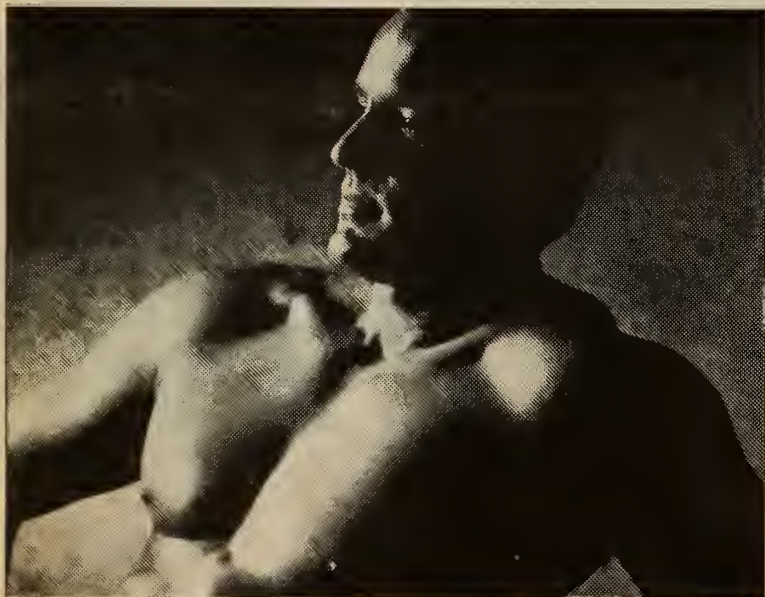
Howe's Golf Team has swung into action, although with a rough start. The golfers lost to Scecina at Pleasant Run, with a score of 184 to 192. The team improved their record by winning the next match against Broad Ripple at South Grove Golf Course, with a score of 173 to 238.

The season started two months ago for the Hornet Golfers, who have practiced every day at Pleasant Run Golf Course. Coach Bill Smith has coached golf at

Howe for four years, and is pretty happy with this year's team.

Of the fourteen members five are the varsity golfers. Smith said, "It's a large group, but we are building for next year." Smith's goals for the team include achieving twelve wins, the city championship, and qualifying for the regionals.

Howe's previous record was twelve wins and three losses. Home course for the golfers is the Pleasant Run Golf Course, assigned to them by the Department of Parks and Recreation.



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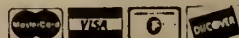
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## Retrospective: Tower Fifty Years Old



### HOWE TOWER

Aspiration—Activity—Achievement



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## Building, Athletic Field To Be Started Soon Birthday Celebration Will Be Achievement Pageant

Plans are now being made for an addition which will be erected at the end of the south wing and connected with the present building. It is expected that work on this building will be begun during summer vacation and finished by January, 1940.

### Many Facilities To Be Provided

A cafeteria, located on the west side of the ground floor, will seat from four to five hundred students.

Dressing rooms and showers for the gymnasium classes are to be located on the east side of the ground floor. On this floor will also be kitchens, storerooms, refrigerators, cafeteria manager's office, employees' dining room, and teachers' dining room.

### Gymnasium To Be in Addition

First floor plans include a large gym floor, divided into two rooms by folding doors. This will make it possible to have boys' and girls' gym classes at the same time. When the doors are folded back, the floor becomes a regulation size for basketball. Against the east and west walls will be folding bleachers. A medium-sized stage and dressing rooms at the south end will be used for assemblies. The girls will have their classes, examination room, and gym office on the south side of the gym, and the boys on the north side.

A large room for the band and orchestra and a room for the storage of instruments will be located above the foyer. Lighting from the outside will come through prism glass.

### Athletic Field in Front

The athletic field is to be in front of the building. It is to consist of a quarter-mile cinder running track and also a 220-yard straightaway for short races and hurdles. In the center of the quarter-mile track will be a sodded playing field, large enough for football, field hockey, or softball. Plans are also being made for tennis courts east of the present gravel path.

### First Violet Queen



Margaret Gordon will reign as first Violet Queen at the Pageant of Achievement on Friday. Her attendants will be Marilyn Behymer, Ella Nora Tomlinson, Eileen Edwards, and Jo Ann Harmon. Violet Queen was chosen as the title because the site upon which the school is built has long been known as Violet Hill.

### MRS. THOMAS C. HOWE SENDS GREETINGS

Mrs. Thomas Carr Howe, widow of the educator for whom this school was named, sent this greeting to the first issue of the school paper:

"A very pleasant day spent at your school recently surprised me with the rapid growth which has taken place since the lifting of the first shovelful of earth two years ago. Now you have a well-equipped building, a principal second in none, an office force, a staff of teachers, and a librarian—all as fine as any in the city. The spirit you have

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### Ground-Breaking of School Was Year Ago Today

The campus of Thomas Carr Howe High School, previously known as "Violet Hill," will be a colorful scene on Friday afternoon, May 26, for the school will celebrate the second birthday of its ground-breaking with a "Pageant of Achievement" to be presented on the main entrance steps. The pageant will be followed by an all-school May Festival dance in the gymnasium.

Girls of the physical education classes, representing violets, will dance on "Violet Hill" in anticipation of the arrival of their Violet Queen. As the trumpet sounds from the tower, the philosopher, the Spirit of the Tower, will come to greet the Queen and welcome her to Youthful Achievement.

### Queen Will Receive

The Queen will be impersonated by Margaret Gordon. Her attendants will be Marilyn Behymer, Ella Nora Tomlinson, Jo Ann Harmon and Eileen Edwards. Robert Winter will represent the philosopher. He will explain to the Queen the change that has taken place on "Violet Hill" since her last visit of a year ago and will present to her the Parade of Achievement composed of representatives from each department and activity. They will give to the Queen scrolls containing records of their accomplishments during the first year of the new school. One achievement of the physical education department, a polyrhythmic drill, will be re-enacted in honor of the Queen. The Queen will receive a crown of violets and with it a new title, "The Spirit of Youthful Achievement."

A boy and girl citizen, impersonated by Charles Scheffle and Mary LaShorne, will receive the Queen's charge of trust, to sponsor the student body in emulating the citizenship qualities of Thomas Carr Howe during the ensuing year. The choir, under the direction of Mr.

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## First Violet Queen

Melinda Baker  
News Editor

Magaret Gordon reigned as first Violet Queen at the Pageant of Achievement 50 years ago. Shealong with five former Violet Queen were present at last years celebration.

The tradition began as a celebration of Howe's birthday and was created in May of 1939. The celebration continued every year until 1963. Because of Howe's 50th anniversary the tradition was revived for this past year.

## Celebrating Irvington

Melinda Baker  
News Editor

On May 5, the Irvington League of Clubs sponsored a house rendering art contest, and participating schools for their contest; Thomas Carr Howe, Warren Central, and Scecina High Schools.

Howe won all of the first place awards. Among the

winners were: Larry Cosner, James Welch, Mike Sinnott, David Mattingly, James Worth, Tim Bryant, Dale Lyons, and Richard Storm.

These students from Howe placed second; Lori Stuck, Monty Uhls, Charles Smith, and Kim Graham. Scecina received two awards and Warren Central four awards.

## Students Strut Their Stuff in Variety Show

Mary Nicewanger  
Feature Editor

On April 10 Student Council sponsored a Variety Show and Spring Dance at Howe.

The Variety Show started at seven p.m. in the auditorium. Karlissa Scott was the mistress of ceremonies for the show which revolved mainly around dance numbers, but there were also quite a few singers. Students turn out was

good, and the show was enjoyable despite audio difficulties toward the end of the evening.

The dance immediately followed the Variety Show. The North Gym was decorated in pastel balloons, streamers, and paper flowers, in keeping with the dance's theme "Spring Fever."

This was the last dance to take place at Howe this year.

This the first cover of the Tower, published on May 22, 1939.



## BOMB THREATS CAUSE MAJOR CONCERNS SAYS TOUT

Teresa Blazek

Jenny Chilton

Boom! Boom! Everyone laughs, but no one knows the real dangers of bomb threats. Whether or not the threats are jokes they should be taken seriously.

On Thursday April 27 during first period there was a bomb threat. Students were taken outside for the most part of first period. On Friday, April 28 there was another threat during Mod 9 and students were gathered into the North gym due to the rain.

Most people believe it's a

copy cat caller to the K-mart bombing. "It's like a snowball down hill," says custodian, Peggy Mikecell. When she took this job she knew it would be more than just sweeping floors. The custodians have to physically look for any odd objects in restrooms, trash cans, stairways, and everywhere else.

Of course people should be concerned, but it gets to the point where you do get scared. "If it happens somewhere else it can happen here," says Mikecell, "it's a sick mind and it's interrupting the education. It's just really tacky."

Principal Frank Tout is very concerned about the several bomb threats Howe has been receiving during the past few weeks.

On Thursday, April 27, during mods 1 and 2, students were taken outside for the majority of the class period due to a telephoned bomb threat.

On Friday April 28, another threat was made during mod 9 and students were gathered into the north gym because of the inclement weather.

The threats have begun to be too unpleasant for the staff and are putting fear in the students at Howe.

There have been no clues on who is making the calls. According to Tout, "whoever it is feels the world is no good and they want to hurt others but when a problem like this occurs, it must be taken seriously."

A total of 32 threats have been made against schools throughout the I.P.S. system during this semester.

Howe has an alarm device made to warn the teachers and students of dangers such as fires, bombs, and any other life threatening situations involving Howe.

Although, Tout is respon-

sible for protecting the students, the custodians also play an important role in protecting the lives of students. They have to search all around the school for any strange devices.

"It's a sick mind and it's interrupting the education. It's just really tacky," says custodian Peggy Mikecell. Mikecell believes it's a copy cat from the K-Mart bombing. "It's like a snowball downhill. If it can happen somewhere else it can happen here. Of course, people should be concerned but it gets to the point where you do get scared."

## "SPRINGTIME IN WEST BERLIN"

Mary Nicewanger  
Feature Editor

Some adventurous Howe students and teachers traveled out of the country over their Spring Break, on a field trip to Germany from April 1-8.

On their first evening in Germany they stayed in Osnabruek. After that they spent two nights in West Berlin, where they got to see the notorious wall that separates East and West Berlin. They spent one more night in Osnabruek before going to Amsterdam, Holland for two evenings.

According to Social Studies teacher, Ron Finkbinder, the purpose of this field trip was to "expose students to a different society," and to let them see the "cultural differences."

The people who represented Howe included teachers, students, and some of their families. The list of travelers include the following: Patricia Aman, Bruce Beck, Ruth Beck, Nancy Coon, Walter Davis, Staci Davis, Elizabeth Deeter, Gary (Steve) Deeter, Brian Droure, Vickie Emigh, Stacey Faryna, Ronald Finkbinder, Judith Finkbinder, Phyllis Garvey, Michael Johnson, James Lawson, Kristen Lawson, Jennifer Maher, Nancy Marchick, Lisa Martin, Evelyn Marchick, Dion Marshino, Lisa Martin, Jason Martin, Larissa McLain, Leslie Meyer, Matthew Nichoff, Kathryn Oberlies, Brian Roland, Errol Spears, Judith Spears, Susan Spears, Keith Trinkle, Madora Walker,

Kimberly Walton, Frances Wiggins, Raymond Woodman, and Patricia Woodman.

This field trip was sponsored by the Social Studies Department, which has been sponsoring yearly field trips for 12 years. In the past Howe students have visited a variety of cities including London, Montreal, New York, and Philadelphia.

Originally students had planned on visiting Russia, but expenses were too high, so Germany was chosen as an alternative.

Finkbinder said that the students seemed to enjoy seeing the places they have studied about, and as long as students and teachers continue to enjoy it, they will keep going.

Finkbinder says that traveling isn't always easy. He jokes that because of this experience, he has "lost more hair."

## Memorium

Howe senior, Larissa McLain passed away on Tuesday April 18, 1989.

McLain was a Varsity cheerleader and volleyball player while at Howe.

Funeral services were held on Friday April 21, 1989 and were attended by many Howe students.

McLain's sister, Leigh is a freshman at Howe.



The wall that separates East and West

## CORRECTION

In the April 20, 1989 issue of *TOWER* Priscilla Repass was misquoted in *SENIORS OUT OF LUCK*. The *TOWER* regrets any misunderstanding this may have caused. The corrections are as follows.

In regard to students leaving school early Repass emphasized that students should be in school all day

unless they are working in a school related work program. She also stated, "The more they can become prepared for whatever they do after high school whether it's college, technical school or a job, the better prepared, the better exposed they are to a variety of subjects, the better off they are."

## "The Play's the Thing"

Melinda Baker  
News Editor

The 1989 Thespian sponsored Spring Play, "The play's the Thing," will be presented May 27. "It takes a lot of work to get this kind of thing together," said Senior Billy Johnson. "We have two casts to work with so we have to work twice as hard."

Both casts have only

been rehearsing since May 10, but plan to have an excellent show. The cast includes many students along with student directors.

The casts include Matt McBurnie, Jamaine Walker, David Vansell, James Langley, Mary Nicewanger, Stephanie Moore, Jayna Green, and Shelly Oberholtzer. Directing the show are Melinda Baker and Billy Johnson.

## Spring Concert

Melinda Baker  
News Editor

The Annual Spring Concert was presented by the music department May 17, at 7:30, in the Thomas Stirling Auditorium.

A combination of all the choirs performed several numbers; "Rock'n'Roll Hall of Fame," "Together," "and I Used To Dream."

Awards were given to choir members during the evening. The most outstand-

ing sophomores, juniors, and seniors of Concert Choir were given plaques. The recipients of these awards were: Clara Winslow, Matt McBurnie, Amy Watt, Joseph Bramblett, Melinda Baker, and Jamaine Walker.

The members of all the choirs were given certificates for participating. The members of Concert Choir were also given certificates to commend their achievement on the musical and other events.



## WELCOME BACK SHADIOW

Mary Nicewanger  
Feature Editor

Less than ten years after high school graduation, Bruce Shadiow returned to teach at the very school he received his diploma.

Shadiow graduated from Howe in 1978, and from Indiana Central in 1982 and currently is finishing his second year of teaching at Howe.

Coming back so soon to Howe, Shadiow has found that he is now working with many of his own high school teachers. Shadiow sat in classrooms with Ron Finkbinder, Errol Spears, Roxanne Watson, and James Lynch, just to name a few. The only difficulty he says he's had is that after only referring to them

as Mr. or Mrs., "it's kind of hard to call them by their first name."

"The students aren't as involved in extra curricular activities as when I was in

his baseball team for two years.

Today Shadiow is still highly involved in Howe sports. He has been coaching the Girls' Reserve Bas-

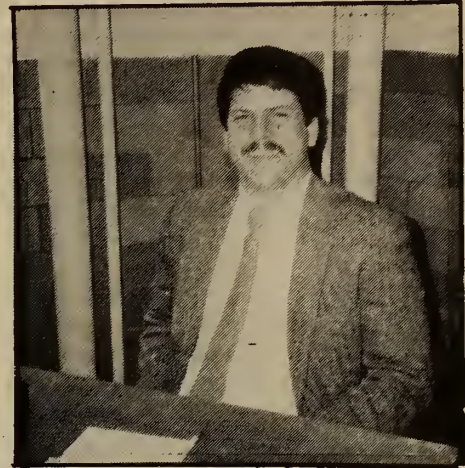
**"you always have a lot of pride coming back to the school you graduated from."**

school," stated Shadiow. During his high school years, Shadiow was heavily involved in sports. He lettered once in basketball, twice in football, and three times in baseball. Shadiow was captain of the football team one year and received the "Best Mental Attitude" award.

Shadiow also received the Most Valuable Player award and was captain of

ketball team for the past two years. Although Shadiow has only been a teacher at Howe for two years, he has been the Freshman football coach for seven years. In that time his teams have won three city championships.

Shadiow says that when he was in high school earning good grades, "was looked upon in a positive way." Now he says he



doesn't think that students feel it's as important. Shadiow was 28th in his graduating class of approximately 367. He was nominated as the Representative at Hoosier Boys State. He was also Sophomore Class

President and a member of the National Honor Society.

Shadiow said that he's always liked Howe and explains that "you always have a lot of pride coming back to the school you graduated from."

## GOODBYE HOWE

# Coming To America

Simone Boehrer  
Johan Hedlund

After 280 days in America it is getting close to the day to say "Hejda" and Tschuss".

Both of us are surprised how fast this year has passed. But that is easy to say now, as we look back. We have had many great experiences here. We met tons of people who helped us, asked questions, and showed interest in our countries and us, and peo-

ple who didn't like to talk about themselves, and those who were open-minded.

We received great host families, friends at school and teachers, and we want to thank everyone one of them. To list every single name would be too long. But, we think the biggest "thank you" should go to our host families. They "risked" living with us, and probably got to know us best. They were the ones that had to "put up" with us when we were in a

bad mood, bored, or, worst of all, when we were homesick.

Another big "Thank you, guys" goes to all those "real" friends who asked, "Hey Simone/Johan! Wanna go to the game with us this weekend?" And the people we mean will know it.

But their were some people that we regrettably never got a chance to go out with. Too often, in the first few months we had to sit in front of the T.V. on Saturday nights. But we knew it was not just going

to be "highlife" all the time. And we had our bad experiences, but never mind that.

We don't regret coming to the United States. It is a beautiful country with a lot of exciting people, who gave us altogether, far more positive than negative impressions, which is fortunate because those are the impressions we will take home and try to explain to our friends when they ask: "So, Johan/Simone, how is America?"

"Great exciting and al-

though we have lived there for almost a year there are still things we can't figure out. Things that seem funny to us, like why do they call school off, when there is hardly enough snow for a snowball fight? Why do they have to go "cruising" around instead of sitting in a nice place with friends?

But that is the cultural difference. We hope that some of our friends can visit us in our home countries someday to see this difference.



## DROP OUTS

Julie LaFollette

"Make sure that you know what you are getting into, because it's not easy," says Danny Thompson, a 25 year old high school drop out. Thompson says "People seem to look down at you for quitting school, which is prejudice." But admits in most cases it's the wrong decision.

Thompson quit Arsenal Technical High School the second semester of his junior year mainly because "I didn't feel there was anything in school that would aid me in the career I wanted to pursue. I felt alot of the teachers at Tech

took an 'I don't care' attitude and that didn't help."

"I had a job offer paying \$65 a night doing what I enjoy most which is playing the guitar, and that

have me working for them as I am to be there. With this job I have the freedom of working a full time job and making money as a musician."

**"People seem to look down at you for quitting school, which is prejudice."**

seemed more inviting than spending seven hours in a school."

Thompson presently works as a video clerk at Take One Video club, and after only two weeks they are considering him for a management position. He says "I'm very happy with my new job and my employers are just as happy to

Thompson says that the worst obstacle is prospective employers. He says "I guess they think that if you didn't finish school that you can't finish the job."

As far as plans for the future go Thompson feels his plans are exactly the same now as when he quit school, he states "I'm more serious about it now be-

cause the older you get the more you realize you need to do something with your life."

Last Thompson compared the differences between attitudes toward school today and when he was going to school, he states "I think kids have a lot more to look forward to today. I know its only been eight years but a lot has changed in eight years."

Thompson is currently the lead guitarist for a local band called "Sloppy Seconds." Their first album is due to be released this spring on Toxic Shock Records of Berkley, California.

### High School Drop-Outs

"Once you drop out you begin to limit the one thing life offers you, and that is freedom of choice," says Howe Guidance Counselor, Robert Berry.

Twenty-one percent of Howe's students have dropped out of high school for reasons such as pregnancy, wanting to work full-time, or losing sight of the benefits school offers.

Berry sais that "after a teenager drops out of high school there are still alternatives for them such as Job Corps, Youth Works, or 70,001, which are all programs to help people complete their education and still obtain work."

Also, Berry points out that nigh school "is an excellent alternative for some students, because they are treated like adults and can respond better with the situation."

Although the legal age to drop out of high school is 16, it's always best when a parent agrees with the decision. Yet, the school and the court system cannot force a students over 16 to attend school.

## HORNET HIGHLIGHT

Stacy McCormick

Most of you know that Virginia McClellan retired in early January of 89. Gloria Jones has recently taken McClellan's place as attendance clerk.

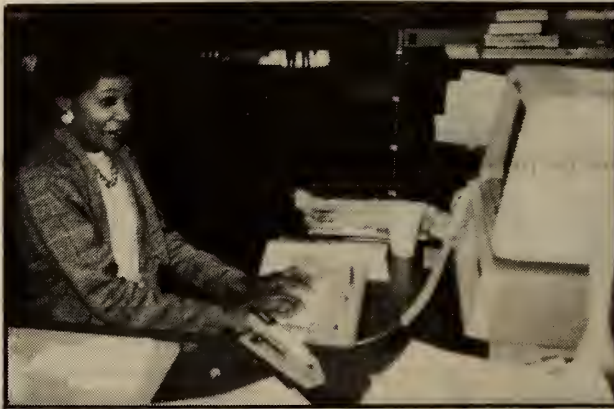
Jones was working at John Marshall junior High School for four years before she came to Howe. "So far it's (Howe) peaceful, the atmosphere is great and so are the staff and students," stated Jones.

Jones plans on remaining at Howe, unless something

better comes along, like a singing career. Jones is a religious singer who sings at a variety of churches. Jones has been working on her first religious album that should be out in May or early June.

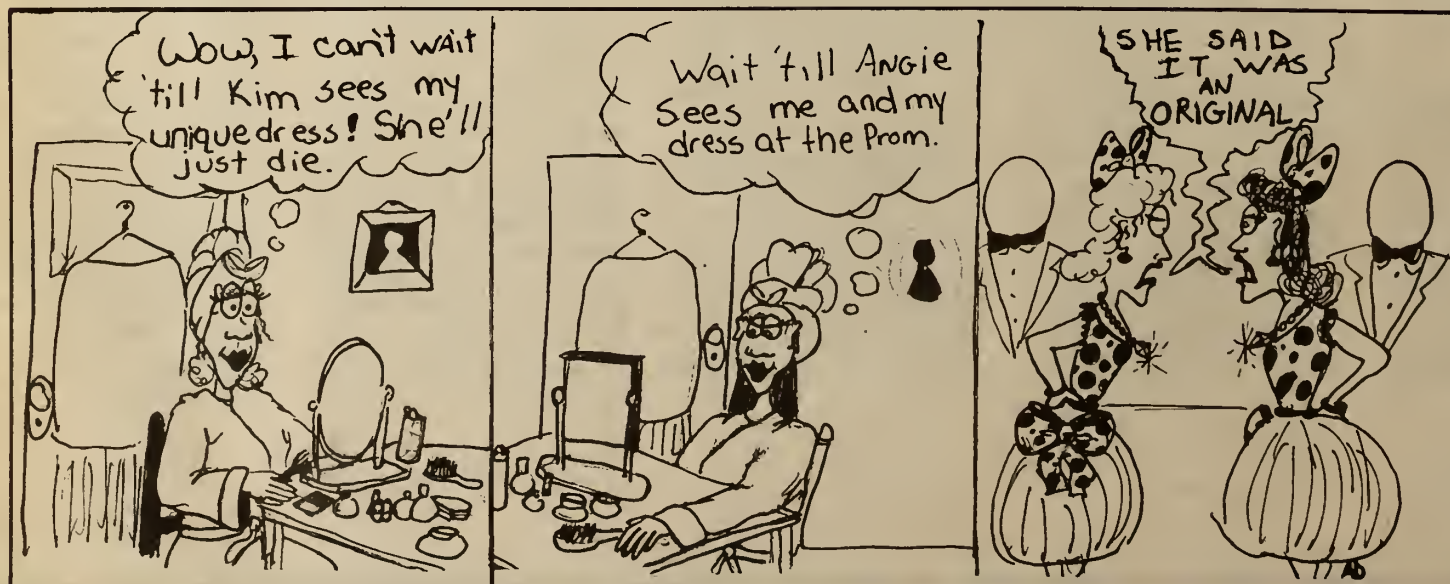
Besides her singing career, Jones enjoys it here at Howe. Jones especially likes the Casper system, "all except it needs to be updated."

So far Jones says she feels at home here at Howe.



## Freshman Follies

### Prom





## Retrospective: Fifty Years

Mary Nicewanger  
Feature Editor

Fifty years ago today the hottest, newest, most exclusive high school in Indianapolis put out the first issue of its school paper. The whole school was budding with enthusiasm, not only for its newspaper but for its new high-tech facilities, and its bright future waiting on the horizon.

"Aspiration-Activity-Achievement" was the optimistic motto of that school paper, the **TOWER**. Yes, isn't it hard to believe that the school described above is the same Howe that you attend?

On September 6, 1938, 450 students enrolled at the brand-new Thomas Carr Howe High School. That compares to the over 1600 students who attend Howe today.

Howe in 1939 and Howe today are two completely different places, physically and socially.

In 1939, America had just recently gotten out of the Depression, and was preparing for World War 2. Students then were faced with those national problems. Today's students face more personal problems

like drugs, stress, and teen pregnancy.

Looking back one thing that can be noticed is the absence of black students at Howe High School, and most of Indianapolis' schools. As a matter of fact in 1939, because of segregation laws all black students in Indianapolis were required to attend Crispus Attucks High School. Even as recent as 15 years ago blacks were very segregated, not because of law but because of location. Now because of bussing, Civil Rights laws, and because many prejudices have died down, Howe is a more evenly populated high school compared to 50 years ago.

In 1939, Howe had its eyes on plans for the future. A cafeteria was scheduled to be built on "the ground floor of the west side of the building." Doesn't that make you wonder where they ate their lunches in 1939, and exactly what was on "the ground floor of the east side of the building" before?

Also a "gymnasium" was planned, complete with folding doors to separate the girls and the boys. Believe it or not separation of

the sexes was carried to the extreme of a boys and girls auditorium.

The "gymnasium" they were planning then is our current "South Gym," that plays second fiddle to the new, rubbered floored "North Gym" of our generation.

An athletic field was expected to be completed by January of 1940, 220 yards around with room for a soccer/football field in its center. (Sound familiar?)

But not all of Howe's athletic plans were completely followed through. A tennis court was scheduled to be built "east of the gravel path." (Gravel path?) Yet today the tennis teams go to Ellenberger Park to play. (Whatever happened to Howe's tennis court?)

Though Howe may not have had the sports facilities it did have the teams. It had a golf team, a cross-country, and a track team (with no athletic field to run on.) Maybe their track team, like ours, ran the hallways of Howe during their practices.

Also Howe had a boys' basketball team. Their first game was November 15, 1938, but their win wasn't until December 20. (You can't blame them, remem-



### PRESENT-1989

ber Howe didn't have a gym.)

From March 20-24, 1939, the school had a "book shower" for its Media Center. Until that point shelves were empty. Doesn't that make you wonder what they read from September to March? (Of course, in the same breath we could ask ourselves what we have checked out from the library since September.)

We can trace the notorious Howe report cards to a certain date in history. On October 17, 1938, Howe High School passed out its first (but unfortunately not last) "grade cards" to its student body.

Almost everything that effects our school lives can be traced back to that first year. On September 18, 1938, Student Council picked brown and gold as Howe's school colors, even before the hornet was chosen as mascot.

On November 10, 1938, the hornet became Howe's official mascot. (Didn't we just get around to naming him this year?)

The school papers name of **TOWER** was chosen on March 29, 1939. It was named after the section of

Howe that was (at that time) the front and main entrance of the building.

According to records "Tower" had a subscription drive from May 8-12, 1939, which means people would pay to read what you are reading now.

The **HILLTOPPER**, Howe's yearbook, is named that because Howe rests on what was once called "Violet Hill." The first **HILLTOPPER** didn't come out until 1941. This was when Howe's first (four year) graduating class finished their senior year. Those who graduated somewhere between 1938 and 1941, were just out of luck.

School ended for the year in 1939 on the same day that it will end 50 years later, June 9. But the students leaving and the school years ending are very different.

In 1939, you could say Howe was just beginning its "freshman" year, new, excited, fresh, and inexperienced. But looking around today, Howe's attitude is much more relaxed, you could say that 1989, is a part of "good old Howe's" senior year.

### PAST-1939





# REVERSED TIME

PAST-1939

Chad Burris

center!  
"Jerkins! Jerkins! Come quickly!"

"What is it Professor?"  
"I've discovered . . . the perfect means of travel . . . A time machine!" And a cold, hearty laugh rings through the darken laboratory. It reminds Jerkins of Gene Wilder in Young Frankenstein.

"Does it work?"  
"Of course it works, you idiot!" the Professor screams, "Do you honestly think I would build something that does not work?" Jerkins begins to mumble, "you usually do!" "Where shall we go . . . or when shall we go?"

"1939 my dear, Jerkins."  
"1939! Are you nuts? You have to be . . . you graduated from Tech it would figure!"

"My dear Jerkins a lot of great people came out of that age: Joe Louis, Lou Gehrig, Marion Anderson, and Franklin Roosevelt."

"Yeah! But there was also Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin, Louie Lepke, of the Murder Incorporated, and to top it all off . . . people were on a goldfish eating craze."

"Jerkin, my boy, the Fabulous Debutante, Brenda Duff Frazier . . ."

"So that's why you want to go back there!"

"Jerkins! Get your mind out of the gutter and into

that time machine . . . . . NOW!"

A Golden shower of Light; a rainbow of color, shines in their eyes. They close them, they hold on tightly to the wheel that guides them. The machine raffles, quakes them at a sudden halt, they open their eyes and step out.

"Jerkins! We've really done it!"

"Excuse me, Professor but were are we?"

"Do you two gentlemen have a pass to be out of class?"

"No! they both answer with alarm, for they both just realize that they're at Howe High School.

"Come with me then . . . . ."



## Big BANDS

Julie LaFollette

Anyone for the Charleston, or how about the Black Bottom? Well, believe it or not those were popular dances of the 1920's

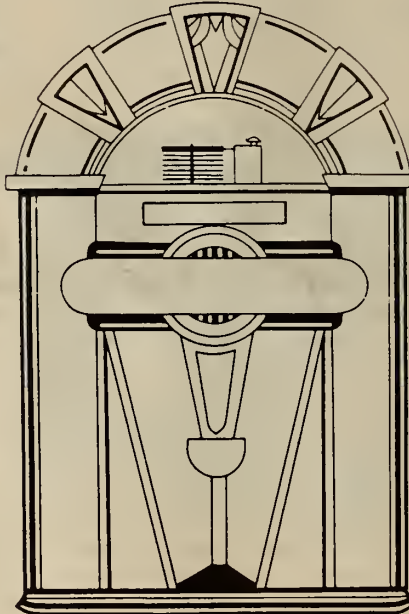
And let's not forget those popular one's in the 1930's. Such as the Lindy and the Jitterbug or how about we all get together and do the Big Apple., a very popular group dance during the 1930's with steps called shagging, trucking, and pecking.

But let's not just talk about the dances which were popular but also the music.

The 1930's became known as the Big Band era. During the period between World War I and World War II, popular music, em-

ploying simplified jazz techniques was introduced in large dance halls by orchestra groups. Groups known as the "Big Bands" were led by such American conductors as James Francis Dorsey, Thomas Francis Dorsey, Benny Goodman. Glen Miller and Artie Shaw were also popular.

During this period the communications media including radio and motion picture, played an important role in popularizing this form of jazz or swing. But other forms of music grew such as Country Swing, Country and Western, Blues and eventually Rock-n-Roll. The Big Band era was soon a relic of the past, often remembered but never forgotten.



black teenage boys was called a "soup bowl."

Many of these styles are coming back in the '80's.

## Hair styles

Kenyada Griffin

During the year of 1939, teenagers who attended Thomas Carr Howe High School wore many different hairstyles.

Teenage girls wore styles called "Bobs." That partic-

ular hairstyle consists of deep curls formed in the shape of a circle. "Curly locks" were also worn. This style was made of alot of curls that were not combed out.

During this time most teenage boys wore crew cuts. A hairstyle worn by



## Old Dress

Lisa Monroe

Students strolling down the halls, laughing, and making stops at lockers wearing saddle shoes may seem unusual now, but in the 1940's at Howe it was the fashion statement.

Long, pleated, checkered, skirts were worn with a matching scarf or pearl necklace around the neck by the girls, and pressed slacks were common among the guys since jeans were not allowed.

The female gym class could be seen playing basketball or kickball in baggy jumpsuits which had short sleeves and baggy shorts. At football games the cheerleaders warmed up in their brown and gold sweaters and long knee-length skirts.

A Howe boys basketball game was considered the social hang out while watching their team in lightweight, silk gold shorts and black high top tennis shoes.

Girls spent a lot of time making sure each curl was tight enough, secured in the right spot, and the lipstick was dark enough. The group of guys who were considered popular considered themselves "cool" in their letterman sweaters with the butterfly collar worn underneath. In the 1940's students spent a lot time dressing themselves up to look very formal.

Some of the styles have come back in the 80's. For instance, letter jackets have become popular again, along with other clothing and hairstyles from the past.



## PRESENT -1989

Kathy Smith

The times of today have completely changed. People of today listen to more upbeat music. The kind that makes the older generation think of the good ole days. Teens these days prefer to be their own individuals, and making their choice of music from their tastes is a great factor to them.

The dress code of teenage idols really influences the adolescents style of the 80's. Most of the time they tend to dress, imitate, and behave exactly like their idols. Which makes ripped jeans, Designer Sports, and Casual wear the in thing. The formalities of today places are outrageously not as casual as it use to be. Teenagers sometimes choose teenage nightclubs, bowling alleys, or the shopping malls to hang. The curfew is different also. Sometimes they make their own curfew or they are able to "pop" in at anytime they want.

## Then to Now

James Langley

(Note from the Author)

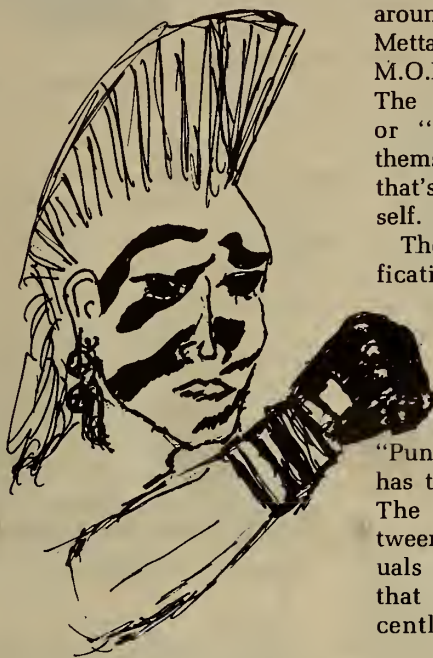
The story you are about to read is what most people believe to be true. Because of the classification barriers in todays society, people tend to close their minds to anything beyond their immediate circle of friends in school, at work, etc. This is a bias I have tried to overcome in writing this story. I am not a sociologist so I have written it as I have observed it, everyday, as a member of that same complicated society.

There are many different classifications of people in society perceived in many different ways by many different people. Here we will center on the so-called "Hoods", and "Punks."

Just like other social groups the Hoods break down into even smaller groups of individuals within that classification. To many it seems that the majority of Hoods just

Another group associated with Hoods would be those that listen to the older music, such as Led Zeppelin, Rush, Stix, and even older, such as the Doors. The names of groups could go on and on. The people in this group tend to be the most "laid back" and easy going.

There are those that travel in between both extremes in musical taste, but



don't care about life in general. This isn't putting anyone down, but it's just the simple truth that these individuals care only about the immediate present, the "here and now."

the life of a Hood primarily revolved around music. the first and most known of the Hoods can be described as the "Headbangers" or Thrashers." The classification lies around their type of music. Mettalica, Anthrax, Slayer, M.O.D. any many others. The names "Headbangers" or "Thrasher" speak for themselves and the music. that's another group in itself.

The second major classification are the so-called

"Punks." Again, this group has the smaller sub-groups. The major difference between the group of individuals and others is the fact that this is the most recently formed classifica-

tion. Alternative music as well as the people who listen to are considered by most people to be very supportive of anarchy. The majority of these people seem to intelligent, if not up to social standards.

The best known group in this classification are the "Skin Heads." Again the name speaks for itself. In some circles skinheads have been known to be very violent. This group is what most would think of when the word punk rocker comes to mind. This is not always the case, but the stereotype "sets the stage" so to speak.

There are a small minority of Hippies, not the hippies of the 'sixties, but a new hippie that is the equivalent of a "mellow" punk rocker. These people are normally hoods that turn punk rocker through school or what have you.

## ATHLETES

Kathy Smith

Football players are sticking to with their trends of wearing Letterman Jackets, more than any other sports figure at Howe. They still consider it a symbol of hornet pride.

Athletes of today have many similarities and differences wgen compared to the athletes of half a century ago. Today "Jocks" wear a very casual look in sweats. They have found a comfortable look with the type of sweats they can wear. There is a huge variety of the sportswear outfits that do not feel as confining on the athletes. Some of the jocks prefer the cotton knit fabric sweats, and others' preferences are the silky polyester sweat suits with the

optional buttons or zippers down the side of the pants.

Some of the athletes even try for that "Super Casual" look of cut-offs. They believe they can become relaxed and free from their regular look by cutting their sweat shirts' sleeves, and sweat pants legs off for an even better source of relief.

The newest look of the year is the popular biker shorts. The rare quality about the biker shorts are the fabric they are made of is spandex, which makes them form-fitting. They are good for the relaxation and the fit that they can give.

The girls tennis team dress is completely changed from long skirts and shorts into a short-skirted uniform. Their dress length, similar to

cheerleaders, has gone from knee high to the lower thigh area.

The biggest difference from 1939 to now is a particular item of footwear commonly called, sneakers or tennis shoes. The most common form of shoes range from Air Jordans to K-Swiss. Football players seem to respond more to the latest name brand, style, and fashion. Not only are popularity, looks, and style the main features in a gym shoe, but basketball players tend to favor the Air Jordan tennis shoes because of the lift it provides while playing or practicing basketball.

## New Styles

Mario Gonzales

Students today may dress casual or sloppily by 1939 standards. However, when the situation demands formal wear, they can rise to the occasion with individualistic style.

A white, sparkle lace minidress with lots of ruffles or a high-low dress with metallic accents seems to be just a few of the prom fashions for girls in 1989. Or maybe try a lame minidress or a satin tea length dress with a sweetheart bodice.

For a formal look guys may be seen with their dream date wearing their stylish pastel tuxedos in colors such as violet or pink, with long tails or maybe the usual white or classic black. The bow-tie and cummerbunds may spice up the look with pastels that contrast.

DeRita Taylor

Fashion has really changed since a half-century ago. You can go almost everywhere being dressed casually. Now you might say what is a casually dressed person? A casually dressed male would wear Stacey Adams shoes, a nice sweater with a turtleneck and some baggy Bugle Boy pants with socks to match the turtleneck. Females are however into designer clothing like Liz Claiborne and Louis Vuitton purses.

Wearing old men's suits, which can be bought at Goodwill, are a big thing in '89 for both sexes.

Crew cuts and box haircuts are a big thing for guys. Bobbed hair for girls is a casual dress statement.



# SENIORS

I, Vickie Deal, will all the underclassmen the common sense to stay in school to enjoy their senior year. To Cary-a girlfriend, Mark-365 Michigan shirts, Jeff-a plug, Stef-a dentfree car, Pat-quick and painless retirement, Jimmy and Rose-my great leadership skills, Alvin-a great football career, and to Todd-Dick Vitales job, Brent-my friendship, Stipo-a life! Last of all to Mark some more Michigan shirts.

I, Danielle Gregory, will Wiggins my utmost appreciation and gratitude for keeping me on my toes, Skene my sincere thanks for Accounting, Madame George, Je ne peut pas donner ma gratitude plus!

I, Crystal Campbell, will to G. Shelton a year's supply of Mickey D's and Burger King. To Mrs. Friedly another amusing A.P. English Class and to Madame George a fun French class.

I will my brother my locker and a great four years at Howe. I will my sister my attitude. Also to Angie and Amy W. I will some T.Q. I will J.B. and B.S. a doctor's appointment.

I, Simone Boehrer, will Teresa my easter egg collection; to steph my ability to enjoy brownies without feeling bad; to Senor Gato a real volcano in his arms; to Johan a real swedish KAKAKAKA party; to Matt and Kurt another nauseous, gullible furner. Visit the "hairy ape" soon, because "Nothing is sweeter than CINNAMON!"

I, Dana Smith, leave my locker to my sweet lovable sisters, Kathy and Tracey. And to my best friend Dee Dee I give you my crazy mind.

I, Dana Smith, leave all my friends, my happiness and sad times. My best friend have fun next year I'll be there for you. BYE.

I, Nicole Tyler, leave to all the underclassmen my deepest an loving thoughts to have a great 89-90 year, cause I did.

I, Stephanie Moore, will to Scott H. a new dancing partner.

I, Scott Michael Schoen, will to Mozie all the fun and learning I've enjoyed in the past and all the joy and the excitement my "after-life" will bring. To my friends my intelligence, musical and dramatic ability and all those other worthless things. To my acquaintances ABSOLUTELY NOTHING! I wish to thank the band for their cooperation and effort. I ask that they continue their hard work, so they can know what it feels like to win. Matt, please look after Clara for me.

To my girlfriend, Melody, I leave my wisdom and love, to K.C. I leave my calendar that he likes so much. To my grandson I leave my knowledge of Literature, and to the freshman class I leave "89" rules. William Lego

I, Carrie Lemasters, will Elena Corpuz the ability to catch flying oats, to Tracy and Adena a ride to school and the ability to survive school, and to Sherri a trip to Florida someday.

I, Elena Corpuz, will Mike Corey all my love and devotion. To Stacey and Aaron I wish you all the happiness in the world.

I, Pam Prather, will to Lisa, J.W., Traci, Staci, Josh, Bev, and Leigh, all the happiness in the world, and you're the GREATEST!

I, Pam Prather, will to Gino all my love forever. I'm sure we'll have a wonderful life together! August 25, 1990!!

I, Pam Prather, will to Larissa McLain my everlasting love and friendship. You will always be in my heart!!!

I, Amber, will to the sexiest man alive (Chris Irvin) my ability to think things through, and put up with me another 3 yrs.

I, Amber, will Gina (BFF) the happiness and fun you've given me, and also the ability to get out of high school.

I, Amber, will my bro Andy the ability to carry on the Lane good looks. And be as good as I was.

I, Gina, (E-Z-G), will to Tony, all my love and my trumpet. I love you, to E-Z-A I will Doug, love always.

I, Lisa Smith, will the memory of Larissa McLain, may everyone remember the way she was-Crazy! I LOVE YOU-Larissa.

I, Nick Tides, will to my sister Susie Best Wishes towards her senior year, to my cousin Jenny Good Luck in her 3 remaining years. To the Howe Soccer team a successful season. And to Geanene my driving instinct.

I, Rodney White, will all of my "Freestyle, Playboy Lines" to all of those who wanna be "Somewhat Suave".



I, Crystal Campbell, will to Kristine F. all the sarcastic remarks I didn't use, Nicol B. my intelligence, and Walt T. all the black citizen privileges I didn't use.

I, Crystal Campbell, will to Shavonne N. more power to deal with our uncle, Damon T. a divorce, and Leah D. more members for Girls In the Hood.

I, Tony Dean, will all my love and affection and a few credits to Gina, to Pete I leave some Wieder supplements and higher lifts for his shoes, to J.W. the vege shelf of my refrigerator. My golfing and quarterbacking ability to whoever wants it, Vick-some chili and to underclassmen-you're lucky! You don't have to hear "Aw, son, take that tray up!"

I, Alvin Holliday, would just like to say good luck and hang in there to all of you poor sorry undergraduates.

I, Alvin Holliday, would like to will my dusty old locker and any living things that may be in it to M&M.

I, Alvin Holliday, would like to will my heart, intensity, and will to win to Howe's athletes. They will need it after C/O 89 leaves.

I, Gina, will to Tim, Steve, & Chill, my ability to dance (HA-HA). Love Always.

I, Amy Hornback, will next year's president, Karlissa to Mrs. Aman, meow notes to Mrs. Martich, a condensed vocabulary to Mrs. Friedly, and the Little Prince's flower to Mrs. George.

I, Danielle Gregory, will Wayman; my seat in the lunchroom, Nikki Taylor; some gold Aidis: a weight loss kit, Paul and Desmond, I will you both Dawn T. Love ya!

I, Melinda Baker, will to the underclassman all the happiness I have found here at this wonderful school! To Matt, I will my love and affection and my ability to tap dance. The next group of Friedly students my perfect attendance in AP English. Mr. Shelton, some sanity!

I, Teresa Blazek, will to A.J. Britt some good times at Howe. Well, hope you find some lord knows I never did! To Gino and Pam, Joanna and Terry the best of luck together. To Simone Boehrer the wonderful memories of Howe, of while she was here, and a safe trip back to Germany.



The students of Dave Stewart's Economic class dedicated the planting of a tree to the memory of Larissa McLain.





# SENIORS

I, **Teresa Blazek**, will Jenny Chilton my report cards so she can have a variety of grades (keep in mind F is not in there). Lots of Luck to you. To all the Juniors keep in mind it's not as easy as it may seem!

I, **Crystal Campbell**, will to Jennifer H. much humor for Yearbook staff, Shelley O. lots of pizza, and BaBa B. control over obscene desires and my sweetness.

I, **Crystal Campbell**, will to Tracy M. happiness, Keith D. joy forever, Lisa J. my obscene thoughts, Denise P. my loudness, and George M. all the riches of the land.

I, **Danielle Gregory**, will Corey Andrews: my cousin Crystal, Willie Pryor: a girlfriend, Desmond Miles: my english grades, Keith Davis: some faithfulness, Butchie: some different questions. I'll miss you all!

I, **Crystal Campbell**, will to Mark A. more jokes in French, Michelle M. my cousin Pugy, Damon T. more success in Math, Jeff D. all my craziness and my smile.

I, **Mary Hamby**, will all the happiness in the world to the class of 1989, my wits to Charlene, my locker to anybody who dare clean it.

I, **Crystal Campbell**, will to Crystal P. George Michael, to Thomas Allen the name Jeff McLamb, Beston T. moves like Michael Jordan, and Lucy my laugh.

I, **Crystal Campbell**, will Renee W. all sexy males, April H. all cute boys in Howe, Andrea S. my singing ability, and good luck to all underclassmen.

I, **Crystal Campbell**, will to Eric B. and Bobby B. more restrooms passes, Audra W. my crazy dance steps, and Wayman M. success in singing always.

I, **Danielle Gregory**, will to Walter H. Thompson 1000% of my love, my ability to be patient and under-

standing, and the persistence it takes to become successful. I'll always love you.

I, **Danielle Gregory**, will to Crystal, Cora, and Nikki my ability to stay out of trouble! I will you my ability to ignore those who aren't as mature as you.

I, **Danielle Gregory**, will to Walter, Damond, Howie, Greg, Butchie, etc. the sensibility that it takes to "Just say No!"

I, **Danielle Gregory**, will a piece of my love to the boy I call Shoe-Polish. It'll always be there for you when you need it. (In the future).

I, **Danielle Gregory**, will Scott Worth: a kiss from Dawn, Coomer: a new hairdo, Winke: my license, Jeff Porter: all of my happiness, George Maynard: my lunch money!

I, **Danielle Gregory**, will Huggy B. all of our good memories together and my faithfulness, which you can use when you're married. If ever in need, look for your friend, me!

I, **Hyacinth Lilly**, will Paul Lilly, Fern Phillips, Antonio Davis, Angela Katina Landers to all four of you people I leave you with my good looks, Antonio stay out of trouble and be good to all of your teachers. Paul good luck and be good. Angela and Fern keep the boys away from you and put your heads in the book. Good luck to all four of you.

I, **Alvin Holliday**, being of no sound, no mind, and fat body, will my expert football and wrestling skills to Matt Britt, God knows he needs it.





# The Other Side

## Retrospective: Tower, Fifty Years Old

Jessica Byrd  
Opinion Editor

As this issue, May 22, 1989, is devoted to looking back to TOWER fifty years ago, we must also look back to the original purpose of TOWER. The TOWER has decided to re-print the actual column from 1939, and then review what the current TOWER staff's ideals are.

Today, another Howe "first," Volume 1, Number 1, of the HOWE TOWER makes its debut. The appearance of this first issue marks an epoch in the history of the school, for a memorable event such as this can never recur. In keeping with its ambition to attain the rank of one of the finest high school papers in the country, the TOWER has chosen for its motto these ideals: Aspiration, Activity, Achievement.

### Aspiration

Since the HOWE TOWER is entering friendly competition in a widely developed field, the staff will need to work diligently to enable the paper to gain national recognition. The fact that the TOWER is a new paper afford rich opportunities as well as responsibilities. It is starting without precedent and must set its own stan-

dards. But with the suggestions of the helpful faculty and the co-operation of an alert student body, the TOWER has a winning chance to reach its aspirations. Other schools have graciously sent us copies of their own publications, thus giving us important suggestions concerning the organization of a successful school paper. The staff plans a weekly three column publication for next fall, with the hope that eventually the paper may develop into a five column weekly.

### Activity

The publication of the first issue of any school paper brings many problems. Particular was this true at Howe. Since there were no trained journalism students, a Journalism Club was organized at the beginning of the second semester. The club held weekly meetings afterschool. From this group the staff was selected, the members being chosen on the basis of merit and regularity of attendance.

The naming of the paper was accomplished by an all-school contest. A style book was composed by a committee. The subscription campaign was organized and conducted by members of the

Journalism Club and the Student Council. The copy was gathered, written, and edited by the club members. The editorial policy of the TOWER is that the paper shall be a student project.

Members of the staff attended a press conference at Butler University, where they met other students mutually interested in publishing school papers and experienced newspaper people whose talks acquainted them with the activities of professional newspapers.

### Achievement

The publication of this first issue is the first step toward our goal of achievement. Upon this valuable foundation of experience the TOWER will build further journalistic attempts. The TOWER, like the school, looks forward to an inspiring future.

Hats off to the HOWE TOWER! May it some day to be an outstanding paper from an outstanding school.

Through fifty years of change, from advisors, to staff organization, the TOWER'S ideals have also changed. Today, 1989, the ideals of the TOWER are: Inform, Educate, Entertain. These are also the duties of a publication.

### Inform

A newspaper's major responsibility is to inform it's readers about the happenings of the school, world, community, etc. This is no exception for the HOWE TOWER. The staff's major concern is to inform students about the events that take place or directly affect Howe. While not all students would agree on the content covered, the staff can not possibly cover the topics all students would agree on. While articles such as gossip columns do inform, the definition of news is not unverified rumors. Although the staff does take advantage of every opportunity for student involvement, such as senior wills, surveys, etc. A publication would not be able to inform without the cooperation of students. The staff feels that they have fulfilled these ideals to the best of their ability, and we hope that the student body, administration, and community agree.

### Educate

Education is the basic factor of school. So it is no shock that it is also a major responsibility of a school newspaper. Many

students are unaware of such topics as: AIDS, abortion, nutrition, drugs, etc. A publications duty is to educate these students about such topics. The TOWER tries to cover these topics as accurately and objectively as possible, which is sometimes difficult with controversial topics. Sometimes a newspaper avoids these topics rather than challenging them. We hope we have done our best to educate and present these topics objectively and fairly.

### Entertain

Last but not least, every newspaper has some kind of entertainment. Whether it be movie reviews, cartoons, illustrations, or humorous columns, a newspaper without entertainment would be rather drab to it's readers. The TOWER does not have an entertainment section, but it tries to entertain it's readers with illustrations, cartoons, and humorous columns. Every newspaper hopes it can make a reader laugh, if not cry at an emotional column. The TOWER has tried it's best to provide entertainment for its readers.

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letters into any **Tower** staff member or to Mrs. Martich in Room 30.



# HOWE HOBBIES

Bonnie Bullens  
Sports Editor

Most people think bowling is a boring, run-of-the-mill sport. Perhaps, but imagine the average bowler looking across the lanes in time to see a little kid flying down a lane because his fingers are stuck in the bowling ball. Or the comedy of a bunch of inexperienced people constantly dropping the ball.

Some people try bowling because they get bored with average sports, while others just like it. Most people bowl every Saturday and sometimes on Wednesdays. These are league nights, and it takes real commitment to spend more

than one hour a night in a building rolling a ball down a lane.

Although most people thought bowling was a dying sport, the casual observer might notice how crowded a bowling alley is on the weekend. Two East-side places to bowl are Western Bowl and All-Star Bowl.

The funny shoes or the campy shirts might be minuses to some people, but bowlers really don't care. Tim Siebenthal, freshman, has been bowling for about 10 years, and "feels proud and excited" after a good game. Tom Stout, junior, who witnessed the little kid's flying lesson says he

bowls because "I like and I'm good at it."

But bowling is not something everyone does easily, since it takes great concentration. Especially if you want a perfect game of 300.

Although most people think bowling is boring, just about as many say the same thing about fishing. "It's boring. I don't have enough patience to fish," are some common excuses. As for girls, most people think fishing is for boys. Not so, as you can see from the following comments. Amy Moore, Sophomore, has been fishing for 11 years at Princess Lakes or Caterac Lakes. While Julie LaFollette, Junior, has

been fishing for five years in Columbus, Indiana.

Usually what "hooks" a person into fishing is a relative that fishes. An uncle, cousin, father, grandfather, or really anyone close to the family. Both Moore and LaFollette used to go fishing every weekend, but that has dwindled down to about once a month.

There are many superstitions about what season to go fishing. Early in spring, mid-spring, or late spring. Even more for summer. Then come the times of day; morning, mid-morning, afternoon; early or late, or evening. Moore prefers morning. "Very early in the morning, they bite the best

then." While LaFollette prefers night, "the surroundings are more quiet, everything is calm."

If you have ever seen a little kid fishing, you see the big thrill they get from just catching a fish, it doesn't have to be a big fish. According to Moore catching a fish is like, "When you're waiting for a special phone call or something, you wait and wait, then when you finally get it you feel like telling everyone about it." But LaFollette says she feels "excited, but I always throw them back. I feel sorry for the fish." It obviously takes all kinds of personalities to fish.

## Just One of The Guys

Lisa Monroe

"It isn't easy to spin a 13 or 14 pound gun around really fast and sometimes when it slips it hits my hands," stated Stacy McCormick, the only female on Howe's male drill team.

Before attending Howe, McCormick was on the female drill team at Arsenal Technical High School about three months. When she transferred to Howe, she still wanted to be on a drill team, and use the weapon the male drill team uses in their routine.

Becoming the only female on the male drill team was not easy for McCormick. In spite of certain disputes she finally succeeded in making the team.

The guys teased her a lot at first, "they didn't want a girl on 'their' drill team, but now they act like they don't care," stated McCormick.

Despite her problems joining the team, McCormick feels their performance hasn't been corrupted by her presence. The male drill team went to a contest on March 18 at Northeast High School. "It was the first time in four years the male drill team placed. They came in fourth at contest."

McCormick feels in spite of all the trouble she had in joining the team it was worth it and she believes girls should be allowed to become involved in other "all male" sports.



"McCormick and Drill team at practice."



## Still to come...

Sports after May 22nd

### Golf

5-23 Tech Pl. Run	3:30
5-24 Br. Ripple Pl. Run	3:30
5-25 Scecina smock	3:30
5-30 Sectional	TBA
6-2 Regional	TBA
6-7 State	TBA

### Boys' Track

5-25 Regional
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### Baseball

5-24 Roncalli	4:30
5-26 Manual	4:30

### Softball

5-22 Sectional
6-3 Regional
6-10 State

### Tennis

5-25 Regional
5-27 Semi-State
6-3 State

### Track

5-24 Regional
6-3 State

## Coach's Comments

Tom Warren

Below are some comments that Howe's coaches have for this year in sports.

### Errol Spears-Tennis

"I am dissappointed about our record, but pleased with the improvement of the girls in their games. As a coach that is what you feel the best about."

### Basil Woodfork-Baseball

"In the last five games the team has shown significant improvement over the beginning of the season."

### Charles Paige-Girls Basketball

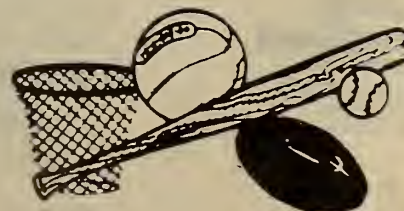
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"We're struggling, due to injuries."

### Dave Stewart-soccer

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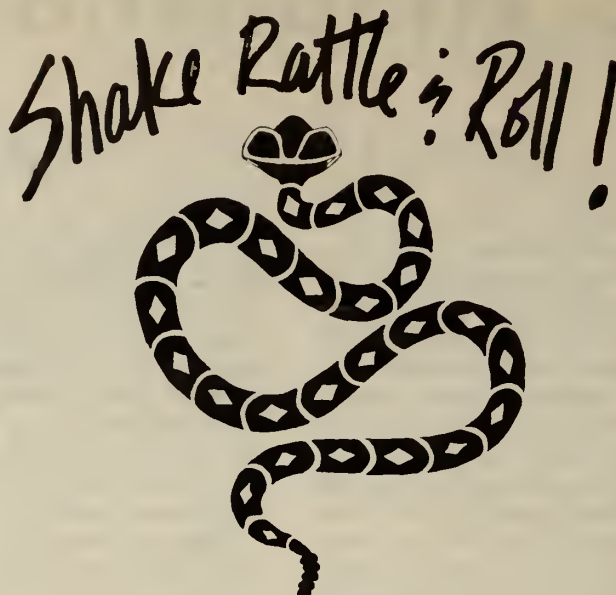
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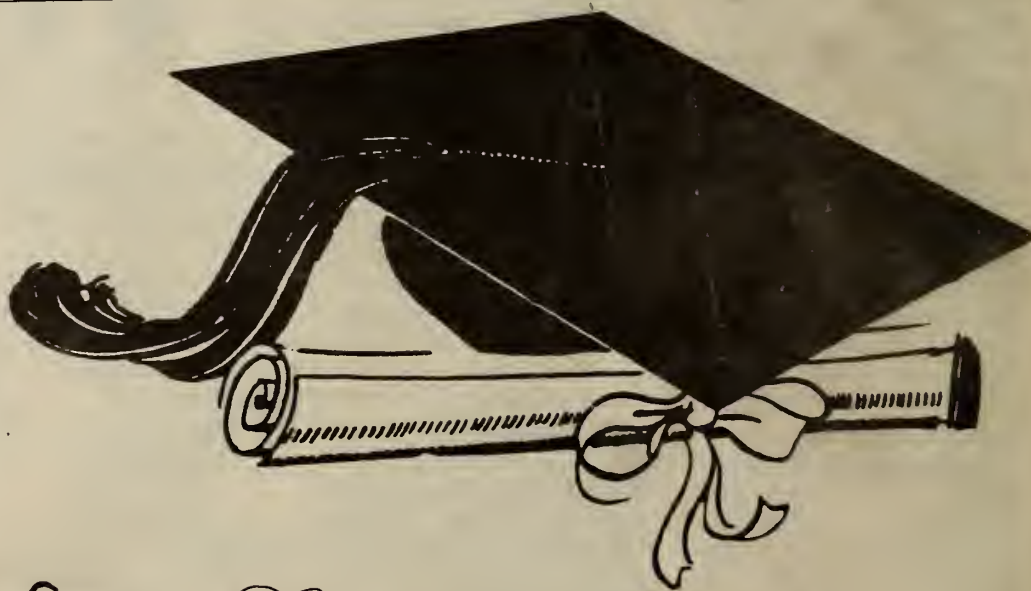
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